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Rudi picks Baxter, Cumming, Yzendoorn

Teams to play against Partizan Belgrade in the remaining three matches of the tour:

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (Hindmarsh Stadium tonight): Peter Marshall (Ad C) — Bobby Russell (Ad C), David Jones (W. Ad.), John Besir (Ad C), Bugsy Nyskohus (Ad C) — Peter Boyle (W. Ad.), Brian Northcote (Ad C), Henry Koleccki (Polonia) — John Nyskohus (Ad C), John Kosmina (W. Ad.), Chris Kent (Ad C).

AUSTRALIAN XI (International Sports Centre, Newcastle, 3 pm Friday): Greg Woodhouse (APIA) or Martyn Crook (W. Ad.) — Steve Perry (Bris.-C), Peter Wilson (APIA), Stuart Baxter (St. Melb.), Jim Tansey (H'berg) — John Davies (Can C), Peter Stone (APIA), Ken Boden (Newc) — Agenor Muniz (Ad C) or Tony

Brennan (Bris. Lions), Gary Cole (H'berg), Tommy Cumming (Ess. Croatia). Reserves: Vic Bozanic (W. Ad.), John Yzendoorn (H'berg), Col Bennett (Bris. Lions), Murray Barnes (Syd C).

AUSTRALIA XI (Sydney Sports Ground, 3 pm Sunday): Woodhouse or Crook — Gary Byrne (Marconil) or Yzendoorn — Ivo Prskalo (Marc), Steve O'Connor (Syd C), Paul Degney (Marc) — John Stevenson (Syd C), Tony Henderson (Marc), Mark Jankovic (Marc) — Peter Sharpe (Marc), Eddie Krncevic (Marc), Joe Watson (Syd C). Reserves: Craig Hall (Sutherland), John O'Shea (St. G), Ian Souness (Syd C), Nigel Lownds (Bris Lions).

Stuart Baxter, Tommy Cumming, John Yzendoorn and probably Tony Brennan will make their national team debut against Partizan Belgrade this week.

Baxter, the majestic centre back of South Melbourne, and tiny Cumming of Essendon, Croatia, will be in the Australian XI to meet the Yugoslavs in Newcastle at 3 pm on Friday.

Yzendoorn of Heidelberg United, may be used at

right back in place of Gary Byrne against Partizan at the Sydney Sports Ground. If not, he will come on as a substitute either in Sydney or Newcastle.

Yugoslav Airlines have put up a special trophy for the Sydney match.

Heidelberg's Jim Tansey, who has played 18 games for Australia returns for the Newcastle match.

Coach Rudi Gutendorf rated him best man afield in Victoria's 1-0 victory over Partizan in Melbourne last Sunday.

On that form, Tansey is very close to winning a permanent place in the national team, Gutendorf said.

Gutendorf said his team selections for the games in Newcastle and Sydney were limited by PSL matches scheduled for the weekend.

He said he was disappointed the PSL had not postponed West Adelaide's match, as he had hoped to use John Kosmina and perhaps Peter Boyle who will represent South Australia against the Yugoslavs tonight (Wednesday).

Gutendorf remained true to his principles



The Partizan Belgrade squad, with shirt numbers, is:

1. Rado Zalad
2. Tomislav Kovacevic
3. Aca Trifunovic
4. Nikica Klinecinski
5. Nenad Stojkovic
6. Borislav Djurovic
7. Zvonko Zivkovic
8. Milan Pavkovic
9. Slobodan Santrac
10. Dzevad Prekazi
11. Milan Djordjevic
12. Sasa Masic
13. Zvonko Varga
14. Vlada Lazic
15. Arandjel Todorovic
16. Milovan Jovic
17. Miodrag Radovic

when he dropped Brisbane City's John Coyne from the squad for the game in Newcastle. Gutendorf warned early in the season that he would support referees by leaving out of the national team any player who is sent off.

Gutendorf said he would take 20 players on the proposed overseas tour to start on November 7.

"When we get back I will name the final 22-man national squad that will work towards qualification for the 1982 World Cup finals," Gutendorf said.

"By then anyone with any claims to the squad will have been given a fair chance. Also, I will then have thorough knowledge of each player's character, dedication, application and ability to perform under the pressure of international football."

Meanwhile, the Partizan players and their coach Milutin Sosic are determined to get revenge for their loss to Victoria.

Only left winger Milan Djordjevic and, to a lesser extent, midfielder Nikica Klinecinski and Milan Pavkovic, justified their reputations against Victoria. Even the great Nenad Stojkovic was disappointing.

But that was Partizan's first game after arriving from Belgrade a day earlier, so the Yugoslavs should show a lot more against South Australia tonight (Wednesday) and in the two games against Australia — LAURIE SCHWAB.



Victoria's 1-0 conquest over last year's Yugoslav champion Partizan Belgrade on Sunday was the State team's first victory over a European First Division side. Joe Picciano is pictured putting the ball past Rado Zalad for the winning goal. Others, from left: Nenad Stojkovic (No. 5), Jamie Paton, Milan Pavkovic. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

'I'd play in goal' — Mimis



MIMIS PAPAIOANNOU

he wanted to play at Western Suburbs, Papaioannou, the true sportsman, said: "Whatever position the coach asks me to play, I would even line up in goal if they wanted me to. I have played goalkeeper for AEK twice — against Olympiakos and Panathinaikos when the regular keeper got injured. The opposition didn't score against me."

West's player-coach Ray Pockock said he probably would use Papaioannou as a striker rather than an attacking midfielder. The forward line against Keilor City probably will be: Papaioannou, Pockock and George Theodoridis.

Papaioannou was in Australia twice before — with the Greek national team in 1969 and for two exhibition games with Alexander in 1976.

Asked to name his most difficult opponent in international soccer, he chose West Germany's long-serving captain Franz Beckenbauer.

Other players who had left a lasting impression were Bettge of Italy, Filipovic of Yugoslavia, Krol of Holland and Meier of West Germany.

Mimis Papaioannou will make his first appearance with Victorian First Division team Western Suburbs in a practice match against Heidelberg-Alexander at Olympic Park at 7.30 pm today (Wednesday).

His first league game is against Keilor City at Schintler Reserve, Footscray, on Sunday.

Cyprus international Andrew Miamaliotis, who was a guest player with Western Suburbs against Polonia last Saturday, will try out with Heidelberg tonight.

Miamaliotis is in Melbourne on holidays. Papaioannou said at a reception for him in Sunshine on Sunday night that he was looking forward to playing in the same team as Western Suburbs' centre back Mike Glykokalmos.

Flykokalmos was captain of Panetolikos in the Greek First Division.

Papaioannou has just retired from First Division soccer after 480 games and a record 232 goals during 17 years with AEK Athens. He played for the national team 62 times and scored 22 international goals. His last game for Greece was against Finland in May last year.

Asked what position

BYE-BYE MOSCOW

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Were Australia to qualify for the Olympic soccer finals next year, any player who earned more than \$5 a week from soccer would have been ineligible to play in Moscow.

That's why the Australian Soccer Federation withdrew from the Olympic Games last week.

Taiwan, which was to have been Australia's opponent in the Oceania qualifying round in Indonesia next month, now advances automatically to the main Asian round in Kuala Lumpur in October.

This is sure to cause problems as some of the competing nations may not have diplomatic relations with Taiwan and may refuse to play if Taiwan purports to represent China.

The ASF decided to put the Australian Olympic Federation (AOF) to the test when FIFA ruled recently that Australia and other Asian as well as African nations could field their full national teams in Olympic matches.

The AOF has the final say about eligibility of members of the Australian Olympic team.

And the AOF made it clear to the ASE that the full national team would not be accepted.

The AOF said any sportsman who earned more than \$5 a week from his sport could not be regarded as an amateur and so would not be eligible for participation in the Olympics.

ASF secretary Mr Brian Le Fevre said: "The AOF told our coach, Rudi Gutendorf, they were not concerned with what the trend may be overseas. They said the AOF set their own standards."

The ASF toyed with the notion of entering the Olympics with the young players who competed in the world youth championship matches in New Zealand and Paraguay.

However, ASF president Sir Arthur George said he felt the young team had little chance of qualifying against the full international teams of the strongest Asian nations and so participation did not warrant the high cost involved.

What's more, most of the youth players are earning money with Philips League clubs. Were they to qualify for Moscow, they would have

been ruled ineligible by the AOF.

Now the Socceroos are left only with their two matches against Partizan Belgrade this week and perhaps a few more against AEK Athens in August.

However, a proposed over-

seas tour in November is beginning to take shape.

Mr Le Fevre said matches were being arranged in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Syria, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Greece and perhaps Singapore and Indonesia on the way back.

Australia's strongest World Cup opposition is expected to come from the Middle East region.

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Slickers offer Pele, Cosmos and Disneyland

A trip of a lifetime for two soccer youngsters is the latest soccer promotion involving Sydney City Slickers.

The fabulous competition is being run in NSW by a leading newspaper in conjunction with Sydney City and sponsored by the Adidas Shops, The Sport 277 Pitt Street and The Strand 414 George Street, Sydney and Continental Airlines.

Two youngsters will spend a week at the legendary Pele's coaching school in New York from July 29 till August 4.

Apart from a week with Pele, the lucky youngsters will be the special guests of the New York Cosmos for one of their home matches and also visit Hollywood, Disneyland and Washington DC.

This is the fourth major public promotion put on by Sydney City this year and it is not restricted to club members or supporters.

Other promotions have been: —

- The competition to find a suitable nickname for Sydney City, with a first prize a trip for two to the FA Cup final between Arsenal and Manchester United, won by Mr John Smith of Warilla, southern NSW.

- The second involves a \$7,500 Ford Cortina car donated by Australia's number one Ford dealer and co-sponsor of Sydney City, Ford which will be won later in the year by someone attending any of Sydney City's home matches at Wentworth Park.

- Westfield Limited, the shopping town chain, has ploughed over \$10,000 into Australia's richest-ever schoolboy soccer competition. It is run over the season and involves leading schools in the City of Sydney area in a knockout competition, with all matches played before Sydney

City's home games. It also involves player appearances at schools, coaching seminars for referees and coaching teachers and students.

According to Sydney City president Frank Lowy: "All these promotions have been for soccer in general, not solely for our club, and the response and comment within sporting circles is more than favourable."

"Although we are naturally interested in promoting Sydney City, we are still basically interested in promoting soccer. Sydney is such a competitive sporting market that these promotions are necessary to attract attention to soccer's cause—even if not directly to our club."

Response to the Pele school has attracted entries, as with the nickname competition, from all over NSW.

All entrants to the competition receive special team photos of the Sydney City Slickers, discount cards to the Adidas Shops, 277 Pitt Street, Sydney and 414 George Street, Sydney and complimentary passes to the club's home games (samples pictured).

From all entries received, 22 finalists will be selected—not necessarily on ability to come to Sydney as Sydney City's guests on July 8.

On that day they will receive special coaching from Sydney City, and the two lucky youngsters will be selected.


The finalists will be guests at a special luncheon at the club and

then will join their parents as special guests for City's match later in the afternoon against St George at Wentworth Park.

When the two boys fly out with Continental Airlines on July 24 to join Pele's school they will be together with over 3,000 kids from Japan, Brazil, Europe and Africa in the world-famous school.

Pele's Soccer Camps reflect the boom in soccer across the country. They are booked out up to 12 months in advance.

WARREN



Former National Captain
Johnny Warren

Germans seek revenge



FC Wacker 04, the West Berlin team which will tour Australia next January. From left, back row: Prill, Kuntze, Lindner, Fetkenheuer, Bien, Liedtke, Racine, Basikow (coach). Middle row: Krueger, Plehn, Knodel, Schult, Steinhäuser, Mueller. Front row: Wirtz, Leder, Schwarze, Kosmowski, Dlogusch, Leumann, Ertzdorf.

Paderborn, the German amateur club that visited Australia in 1974, will tour again next month.

It will play a "revenge match" against Victorian Second Division club Kellor-Austria at Kellor on Wednesday, July 11 at 4 pm.

Austria, then in the State League, beat Paderborn 4-0 in 1974. George Malkousis of Sunshine and Western Suburbs fame and Billy Vojtek, now player-coach of Ajax, were guest players for Austria. Malkousis scored a hat-trick and Vojtek scored from a penalty.

Paderborn will also meet St. Albans in a training game at Churchill Reserve, Fox Street, St. Albans, on Friday, July 13, at 4 pm.

Negotiations are going on for matches in NSW, Launceston and perhaps one in a Victorian town.

Meanwhile, FC Wacker 04 of West Berlin has confirmed it will tour Australia in January, 1979, for matches in Canberra, Melbourne, Geelong and Launceston. It will play in Fiji on the way.

Wacker, formerly of the Bundesliga (national league), now plays in the Berlin league. One of its top players this year was Serge Reacine, who played for Haiti in the 1974 World Cup finals.

The Paderborn touring party will again be led by club president Karl Johannwerner, a leading government official in Westphalia. Two German referees and pressmen will also be included.

Only two of the players were here in 1974 — player-coach Ulrich Hein who marked Billy Vojtek in the matches against Austria and Kellor City, and Kurt Niewoehner who scored against Kellor City.

The players are: Juergen Grieger, Uli Hein, Rolf Huesing, Wolfgang Knodel, Willi Lenz, Willi Schlus, Hans Holtermann, Klaus Rudolf, Andre Plinick, Hubert Scholand.

Paderborn player-coach Uli Hein. He and Kurt Niewoehner will be on their second Australian tour with Paderborn next month.

Gerd Elbracht, Josef Marks, Kurt Niewoehner, Lorenz Kemper, Ulrich Groene.

Details of Paderborn's matches in Victoria on its 1974 tour: RICHMOND 0 PADERBORN 3 (Hagenheide, Wegener 2 incl pen) at Middle Park.

RICHMOND: Tochel — Morok, Schumacher, Pritschke, Damachun — Arndt, Vial, Judge — Kuehn (Sulaiman), Dorevski, Hill.

PADERBORN: Meise — Hein, Grass, Schmelle, Plat (Trapitz) — Niewoehner, Kast, Strud — Fenzl, Hagenheide, Wegener (Schwade).

AUSTRIA: 4 (Vojtek pen, Malkousis 3). PADERBORN 1 (Schmelle) at Churchill Reserve, St. Albans.

AUSTRIA: Petersen, Hinze, Blaby, Ganglmeier, Juran (Hibbe) — Truszkowski, Albert, Turicar — Traic, Vojtek, Malkousis.

PADERBORN: Meise — Hein, Grass, Schmelle, Trapitz — Niewoehner, Kast, Strud — Fenzl, Koch, Wegener.

KELLOR CITY 2 (Vojtek, S. Kalin) PADERBORN 1 (Niewoehner) at Churchill Reserve, St. Albans.

KELLOR CITY: Sierokowski — Gerick, Abela — Szepaniak (Scarecki half time), Jasinski, K. Klein — de Gabriel, S. Klein, Vojtek (Marshall 65th), van Leeuwen, Grady.

PADERBORN: Meise — Hein, Grass, Schmelle, Trapitz — Kast, Niewoehner, Strud — Fenzl, Hagenheide, Wegener.

GEELONG SELECTION 2 PADERBORN 2 in Geelong.

ASIA WATCH

Burma re-emerged as a major soccer power in Asia by beating South Korea 1-0 in Medan — its first victory after losses to Thailand and North Korea.

Burma a force again

Before its defeat, South Korea had the best record in Asia in the period from November, 1978.

Now South Korea has slipped to fourth place on our "Asia Watch" progressive table.

Placings are determined on the basis of success rate, so New Zealand took over first place by virtue of its 1-0 victory over Australia in its first match for the period.

However, North Korea and Iraq remain the most impressive teams of the Asian region.

North Korea remained unbeaten after winning the Asian Cup Group Three qualifying round in Bangkok last month.

Iraq won the fifth Arab Gulf Football Tournament without dropping a point and has now scored 41 goals to 7 in its 18

international matches since last November.

The only teams to have beaten Iraq in this period are North Korea (1-0) and China (1-0).

One of the most impressive results posted by an Asian team recently was Israel's 1-1 draw with Spain in their Olympic qualifying match (Europe, Group Three), played in Spain.

Thailand and Malaysia showed good form in Asian Cup series, with Malaysia holding mighty North Korea to a 1-1 draw. Thailand met touring Turkey in Medan and did well to lose by only 2-0.

"Asia Watch", which covers the period from November 1978 to November 1979, is compiled every month from official international results published in "FIFA News". The figures in brackets indicate the team's standing last month.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	% success	Pts	rate
1 (-) N. Zealand.....	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	100	
2 (2) North Korea....	11	8	3	0	21	5	19	86.3	
3 (3) Iraq.....	18	14	2	2	41	7	30	83.4	
4 (1) South Korea....	11	8	1	2	21	7	17	77.2	
5 (4) China.....	11	8	0	3	24	8	16	72.7	
6 (6) Kuwait.....	13	7	2	4	28	14	16	61.5	
7 (5) Israel.....	5	2	2	1	7	4	6	60	
8 (7) Saudi Arabia....	9	3	4	2	17	8	10	55.5	
9 (9) Malaysia.....	10	5	1	4	12	14	11	55	
10 (8) Thailand.....	12	6	0	6	19	18	12	50	
11 (-) Hong Kong.....	6	3	0	3	10	6	6	50	
12 (10) Macao.....	3	0	2	1	4	7	2	33.3	
13 (15) Burma.....	3	1	0	2	5	2	2	33.3	
14 (11) Japan.....	7	2	0	5	9	17	4	28.5	
15 (-) Sri Lanka.....	4	1	0	3	5	12	2	25	
16 (18) Bahrain.....	9	1	2	6	6	22	4	24.4	
17 (12) Qatar.....	11	3	2	6	11	26	8	22.4	
18 (13) India.....	5	1	0	4	5	13	2	20	
19 (14) U.A.E.....	5	1	0	4	5	15	2	20	
20 (-) Oman.....	6	0	0	6	1	21	0	0	
21 (-) Indonesia.....	3	0	0	3	3	10	0	0	
22 (17) Philippines.....	3	0	0	3	1	10	0	0	
23 (-) Singapore.....	3	0	0	3	1	11	0	0	
24 (16) Bangladesh.....	2	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	
25 (-) Australia.....	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	

Results: November 1978: Surinam v China 1-3; Israel v Belgium 1-0; Japan v USSR 1-4; Japan v USSR 1-4; Japan v USSR 0-3.

December 1978: China v Saudi Arabia 1-0; India v Malaysia 0-1; Iraq v Qatar 2-1; Japan v Kuwait 0-2; Bahrain v Japan 0-4; South Korea v Kuwait 2-0; Bangladesh v India 0-3; China v Qatar 3-0; Iraq v Saudi Arabia 1-1; Bahrain v Kuwait 0-3; Japan v South Korea 1-3; North Korea v Thailand 3-0; Malaysia v Thailand 1-2; China v South Korea 0-1; Iraq v North Korea 0-1; India v Kuwait 1-6; India v North Korea 1-3; Iraq v Kuwait 3-0; China v Thailand 4-1; Malaysia v South Korea 0-1; South Korea v Thailand 3-1; China v Malaysia 7-1; North Korea v Kuwait 2-2; India v Iraq 0-3; South Korea v North Korea 0-0; China v Iraq 1-0; Israel v Rumania 1-1; Philippines v South Korea 0-5; South Korea v China 1-0; Philippines v Macao 1-2; South Korea v Macao 4-1; China v Philippines 3-0; Macao v China 1-2.

JANUARY 1979: Israel v Austria 0-1; FEBRUARY 1979: Iraq v Finland 1-0; Iraq v Finland 2-0; Iraq v East Germany 1-1; Iraq v East Germany 2-1; Israel v Greece 4-1; Iraq v Sweden 1-0; Bahrain v Finland 0-1; Kuwait v Sweden 0-2; Japan v South Korea 2-1; Afghanistan v Qatar 0-3; Qatar v Brazil 1-6.

MARCH: Iraq v Bahrain 4-0; Kuwait v Qatar 3-1; Saudi Arabia v United Arab Emirates 2-1; Iraq v Qatar 2-0; Saudi Arabia v Oman 4-0; U.A.E. v Qatar 0-1; Bahrain v Oman 3-1; Iraq v Kuwait 3-1; Qatar v Oman 1-0; Kuwait v UAE 7-0; Bahrain v Saudi Arabia 1-1; Kuwait v Oman 2-0; Saudi Arabia v Qatar 7-1; Iraq v UAE 5-0; Kuwait v Saudi Arabia 0-0; Iraq v Oman 7-0; Qatar v Bahrain 1-1; Iraq v Saudi Arabia 2-0; Kuwait v Bahrain 2-0; UAE v Oman 4-0.

APRIL: Burma v South Korea 1-0; MAY: South Korea v Thailand 3-0; Hong Kong v Singapore 3-1; Sri Lanka v Thailand 0-4; Indonesia v Malaysia 1-4; Hong Kong v Sri Lanka 5-0; Thailand v Singapore 4-0; North Korea v Indonesia 0-1; Sri Lanka v Singapore 4-0; Thailand v Hong Kong 1-0; North Korea v Malaysia 1-1; Malaysia v Hong Kong 0-0; Malaysia won on penalties; North Korea v Thailand 1-0; Hong Kong v Thailand 2-1; North Korea v Malaysia 1-0; Thailand v Turkey 0-1.

JUNE: New Zealand v Australia 1-0.

Jack Whittell dies


Mr Jack Whittell, life member of South Dandenong (Vic) is dead.

Twelve years ago, Jack together with his wife Ethel, laid the foundations of the club at Graves Reserve.

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Henderson or Prskalo, Boden or Cole, Watson or Palinkas,

One of the big pluses to come out of the recent NSW-Norwich game was the introduction of Ivo Prskalo, the Marconi sweeper.

Prskalo is without question the best sweeper in this country.

However, two things are influencing Gutendorf against Prskalo.

One is his age, 31, with the World Cup preliminaries still two years away, which would make him 33.

As everyone knows, he is looking for offensive players ready and able to attack at 2" times.

This particularly applies to the sweeper, the free player in attack and defence.

Woodhouse or Crook

Rudi Gutendorf has been looking to Tony Henderson to play that role.

Henderson has the skill to play in midfield, heads well, defends fairly well on the ground and hits a good long ball.

He has filled the role of the "dynamic" libero (sweeper) in several NSW and Australian trial games.

While Henderson has been effective coming forward, though he has still to score a goal, he is not able to match Prskalo at reading the game and snuffing out danger when defending.

That is natural.

He has not played the role anywhere near as

often as Prskalo who amassed 380 First Division games in Yugoslavia.

Henderson does not get the chance to develop the defensive side of his game at Marconi, because Prskalo is the sweeper.

There is a big danger here.

With the national team committed to attacking defenders such as Paul Degney, Jim Tansey, West Adelaide's Vic Bozanic, plus an attacking midfielder, there is a danger that the defence could crumble when it is under sustained pressure.

This sustained pressure is bound to come in some games.

The Koreans, Israel, Iraq and some others will not be mere ten pins for Australia to knock over. An inexperienced Henderson in the key defensive role could be a fatal flaw.

Prskalo is a great covering player, with anticipation acquired from his many years as a top professional.

Additionally, when he has possession of the ball while he may not go forward as does Henderson, he is composed and accurate in distribution.

This can produce attacks just as effective as the marauding raids of his more adventurous younger colleague.

The Prskalo-Henderson conundrum is just one of the problems of team selection Rudi Gutendorf will have to solve during the next two years.

Others could be Boden or Cole, Shame or Phil O'Connor, Watson or Palinkas and Woodhouse or Crook.

MIKE JOHNSON

MIDFIELD PLAY

BY
Laurie
Schwab

— the Callaghan way

Australia has good defenders and reasonable forwards but outstanding midfield players are rare — just ask any coach who has tried to put together a winning Phillips League.

Ask Rudi Gutendorf, for that matter. In developing the national team he faces the painful realisation that without a talented midfield, the Socceroos will not be successful.

In 1974, we had the perfect combination of Jimmy Mackay, Ray Richards and Jimmy Rooney — Richards the strong man, doing the defensive work as well as surging forward to threaten the goal, and Mackay and Rooney the hard-running, all-action, tactically shrewd linkmen.



Bobby Charlton

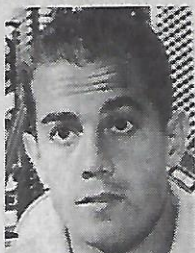
Today we have few midfielders of such mettle. Significantly, the teams with the best midfield players are dominating the PSL, although league leader Marconi is perhaps understaffed in midfield. Socceroo Gary Byrne is certainly one of the best midfielders in Australia, but Roberto Viori's work rate has dropped and the defensive aspect of his game is not as good as it can be, although on the ball he is still the best in the country. Tony Henderson is sound in the middle although he prefers to play centre back. The third middle field position is up for grabs. Eddie Krncevic has played there with some success.

Adelaide City has perhaps the most solid midfield in the league. John Perin and Agenor Muniz are both Socceroos, Brian Northcote is an all-action type who is getting better and better as he matures and Rale Rasic's protégé Charlie Villani has a wonderful future.

Sydney City has Murray Barnes, John Stevenson and Ian Souress. APIA has Peter Stone, Eric Carruthers and Rosario Rampanti and Heidelberg has Jimmy Rooney, Jim Campbell, Ken Taylor and Pat Barron.

But the greatest midfield player in Australian soccer at the moment is Canberra City's Ian Callaghan who writes about mid-field play in "Cally", the book about his long career with Liverpool, written by John Keith and published by Duckworth/Elmswood of England.

Callaghan had almost 900 games with Liverpool and spent a season at Swansea before coming to Australia recently to play for Canberra and do promotional work for Dunlop Footwear.



The great Spanish midfielder Luis Suarez who played for Inter Milan and Barcelona.

The book "Cally" traces his life and career. In it, Callaghan gives his views on the great players against whom and with whom he has played — Bobby Charlton, George Best, Gordon Banks, Roger Hunt, Billy Liddell, Kevin Keegan etc. and he writes about the roles of the players in various positions.

It is this which makes "Cally" valuable reading for young players.

Here is what Callaghan has to say about the role of the mid-fielders, the providers of everything good (to their forwards) and the preventers of everything bad (assisting their defence).

A midfielder has, basically, to be nippy. He is always involved with the play and players around him and he doesn't have much time or space. Those two commodities are, indeed, a luxury in midfield almost always one you cannot afford.

He's got to know how to tackle quickly and cleanly, and must always endeavour to have the ball in front of him. When he gets behind the ball, he is then poised to sum up the situation in front by being aware of where his teammates are positioned so that if and when he gains possession he knows exactly what he's going to do with the ball.

A midfielder is a fetcher, a carrier, a provider, a destroyer. Little wonder, therefore, that there is a saying in the game today that if you win the midfield you win the match. There can be no argument against that belief. The more possession a team has in midfield, then the more passes are going through to the forwards, and that means more scoring chances. This supply-line to the strikers is absolutely vital.

Endurance and stamina are pre-requisites for a midfielder, who has to be able to run for ninety minutes and, of course, blend that athletic ability with creative and defensive skills. However, unlike goalkeepers, centre-backs and, to a certain extent, strikers, the size of the mid-field player is unimportant. He can be 5 feet 3 inches or 6 feet 3 inches.

Indeed, many of the great mid-field players have been of small to average height. The former Leeds pair, Billy Bremner and Johnny Giles, spring to mind immediately as a classic example of this, and Howard Kendall, another midfielder I have admired immensely, is no giant. Giles, a cool, long passer of the ball, and Bremner, more bustling and tigerish than his partner, have been the architects of many moves which would grace any coaching manual.

So why do men on the small side make such good midfielders? The answer, I feel, is simply that the smaller you are the more suited you are to scurry in and out of situations that the mid-field game requires.

Top-class mid-field players, I believe, are blessed with the abilities necessary to do the job — providing opportunities for forwards, harrying opponents, winning the ball, supporting the attack and helping the defence. Players cannot be "manufactured" to handle all these jobs; they are born with the capabilities or they are not. To play mid-field, a player either has what it takes, or he hasn't.

Midfield is a position where you are so much involved that you have to be calm in situations yet be quick at the same time. You've got to know what you're going to do before you get the ball so that when it arrives you can go into action quickly. It is a role in which a mature player, who still has stamina and speed, can excel, and in which all his football expertise can be utilized.

An effective midfielder can make a deep impression on a game. Such an example was Luis Suarez, when he played against Liverpool for Inter-Milan at Anfield. We were so much on top, yet Suarez made a brilliant contribution to the game with long, probing passes that Johnny Giles would have been proud of. He was a master at it.

There have been several players, of course, who have been converted from another position into a midfielder. Bobby Charlton was a fine example. But, in these cases, it is simply the latent talents of the player concerned finally being utilized. He always had that ability.

I admit to being prejudiced, but I rate midfield as the best boat on the field. It's the most enjoyable role because you can please yourself to such a large extent. There is a certain sense of freedom about it, even though the midfield area does tend to get overcrowded at times.

For example, you can see a situation up front, a space, and move into it. In other words, you commit yourself, which, in some positions, is suicidal. But even if what you expected to happen doesn't materialize, it's usually possible to get back to the middle of the park before any gaps arise.

There are few midfielders, I'm sure, who would disagree with me when I say that it's a position that provides an honest day's work every ninety minutes. There are no places to hide or take a breather.

But, to me, it's the most rewarding position, giving me more satisfaction than the first phase of my career as a reading winger, and I know my feelings were shared by Terry Paine, the former Southampton winger who spent seventeen years at The Dell.

Terry, an England international, made the switch, as I did, from the flank to midfield and once, when asked a question about the pair of us, he replied "We have both been in the game a long time. I think we can both play, and that helps. We've got a certain perception about the game in that we probably decide on a move even before the ball reaches us and that gives us an added advantage."

I think we are quick up top and we have the great asset of being able to pass the ball well. I think style changes with age. Obviously, when you lose that extra yard or two getting to the line as a winger you find you can do it in midfield because of your added experience and passing ability.

In midfield there are so many more different channels for using the ball.

What Terry said was very significant. In midfield you must have the cunning of a fox, and an old fox, knowing so many plays simply through experience, can create havoc for the opposition.

It is not crucial for a midfielder to be equally capable for either foot. A left-sided midfielder and a right-sided player are usually left and right footed respectively, but apart from that there are no accepted rules. Obviously to be two footed in any position is a distinct advantage — Giles, again, is a superb example — but because the midfielder is not tied down to any area of the field, and is mobile throughout the game, definitions of who operates on the left, in the middle and on the right of the midfield tend to become blurred anyway.

The name of the game for a midfielder is action, and if that role is the most demanding for stamina, the hardest job in the sense of being under pressure is to be at the front, looking for goals.



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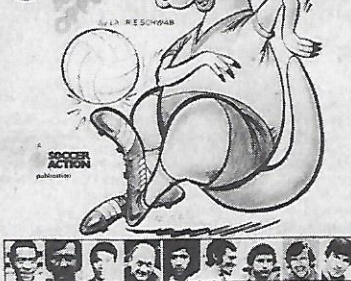
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APIA L'HARDT	3	1	3	9	9	5	1	1	9	6	18:15	0 18
Brisbane City	4	0	2	9	3	3	2	3	13	15	22:18	1 17
West Adelaide	4	1	2	12	6	2	2	3	5	10	17:16	1 16
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Brisbane Lions	2	0	6	10	20	3	0	3	6	7	16:27	0 10
South Melbourne	2	1	4	9	12	1	1	5	3	16	12:28	0 8
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SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 SOUTH MELBOURNE 1.
Ratings by Alex Vesic.

OLYMPIC: Meier 8, Rowden 7, Wilson 8, Bell 9,
Palmer 7, Cross 7, Raskopoulos 7, Jennings 7, Gibson
6, Laing 7, Scott 7.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets 9, Kalafatis 7,
Baxter 6, Pye 6, Turner 7, Davidson 7, Lutton 6, Carr
5, Cummings 6, Evans 6, Campbell 6 (Christopoulos
79).

BRISBANE LIONS 0 MARCONI 4. Ratings by
Bruce Waddell.

LIONS: Lownds 7, Spearritt 5, Hermiston 7, Ben-
nett 7, Niven 6, Hughes 7, Ontong 6, Lawrie 5, Low 5,
Brennan 6, Millman 6.

MARCONI: Maher 6, Berry 8, Praskalo 8, Russell 8,
Degney 8, Henderson 9, Vieri 9, Byrne 8, Jankovics
10, Sharne 9, Krncevic 6.

ADELAIDE CITY 1 SYDNEY CITY 1. Ratings by
Meno Toubella.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7, Dodds 7, B. Nys-
kohus 7, Besir 7, Russell 7, Perin 7, Muniz 8, Villani 6,
(Deans), Northcote 6, J. Nyskohus 7, Kent 7.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 7, Trenter (Campbell 7),
Thomson 7, O'Connor 7, Bruce 7, Stevenson 7,
Watson 7, Barnes 7, Kershaw 7, Smith 6, Sounness 7.

NEWCASTLE KB UTD 0 WEST ADELAIDE 0.
Ratings by Joe Lanzoni.

NEWCASTLE: Preston 7, Bertogna 8, Curran 8,
Summerscales 8, Drinkwater 7, Senkalski 8 (inj. sub.
McClelland 66th), Sneddon 7, Tredinnick 7, Heys 7,
Boden 8 (inj. sub. McGreen 7 half time), Keelan 8.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 8, Bozanic 78, Reynolds
7, Kambas 8, Jones 8, Tymczyszyn 7, Boyle 7,
Dooley 6, Honeyman 6, Norris 6, Kosmina 7.

APIA 1 BRISBANE CITY 2. Ratings by Toni Raciti.
APIA: Woodhouse 8, McGinn 7, Dempsey 7,
Wilson 6, Pullen 6, O'Donnell 7, Stone 6, Carruthers 5
(Vernon 41st, rep. by Samuels 71st), Butler 8,
Roberts 7, Reed 7.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 9, Perry 8, Potter 7, Rat-
cliffe 6, Pimblett 6, Coyne 8 (sent off 55th), Low 7,
Caldwell 7, Campbell 7, Kelson 8, Wilkinson 6.

CANBERRA 1 ST. GEORGE 1. Ratings by Peter
Windsor.

CANBERRA CITY: Hoszowski 7, Moulis 7, Milova-
novic 8, Callaghan 8, Davies 7, Brown 8, Cant 7, Gru-
jic 7 (McLaren, 45th minute 7), Stark 8, Fielding 7,
Byrne 7.

ST GEORGE: Fraser 8, Harris 7, Utjesenovic 7, R.
O'Shea 7, Hensman 8, Della Piosa 7, Gnavi 7 (Kay,
75th minute), J. O'Shea 7, Mihajlovic 7, Cotton 8,
Fenoughty 7.

Jankovic leads

Leading averages:

7.9 Jankovic (Marc).
7.8 Crook (W.Ad), Thomson (SC), Praskalo (Marc),
Muir (AdC).

7.7 S. O'Connor (SC), Sharne (Marc), Hermiston
(BL).

7.6 Pye (SM), Meier (SO), G. Byrne (Marc), Perry,
Potter (BC), Henderson (Marc), Kondarios (Foots),
Stark (Can), Woodhouse (APIA), Marshall (AC).

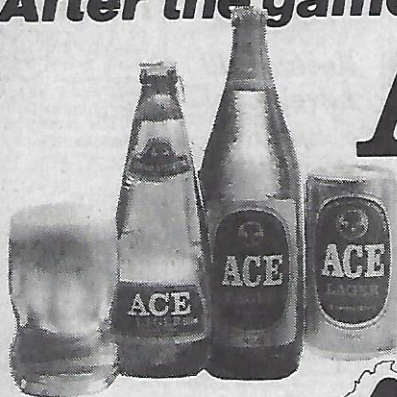
7.4 Davidson (SM), Raskopoulos (SO), Clarke (SC),
Krncevic (Marc), Rooney, Buljivic (H'Berg), Davies
(Can), Rampanti, Turnbull (APIA).

7.4 Bell (SO), Watson (SC), P. O'Connor (SC),
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5 Eaton (SO), Sharpe (Mar), Cole (H'berg), T. Byrne (Can),
Kelso (BC), J. Nysskohus (AC)
4 Norris, Kosmin (WA), Evans (SM), G. Byrne (Mar), Heys (Newc), Reed (APIA)
3 Pillans (WA), Stevenson (SC), P. O'Connor, J. O'Shea, Cotton (StG.), Summerscales, Boden (Newc), Buljevic, Paton (H'berg), Ristovski (Foots), Grujic (Can), Coyne (BC), Butler (APIA), Kent, Northcote, Villani (AC).

Clubs aiming their sights on Philips League membership should indicate their interests by July 14.

"On that date the Australian Soccer Federation will set up the time-table and final criteria for new membership," PSL manager John Frank said.
This is the first year of promotion and relegation for the three-year-old league.
The last two clubs in the 14 team six-city competition will have their credentials judged against those of other applicants before membership is announced for 1980.
The last round of the Philips League competition takes place on September 23.
After that date and before the playing of the Philips Cup final and top four championship a

decision will be made on the promoted and relegated clubs.

Mr. Frank had discussions in Canberra last week with the proposed board of the Monaro and West Woden clubs which are interested in a joint application.

"If Wollongong are serious about membership, I would be pleased to meet them also," Mr. Frank said.

Melbourne club Preston is another which is anxious to enter the PSL.

It made an impressive but unsuccessful application for 1979 membership.

WOOLONGONG MAKES BID

The move to catapult Wollongong into the Philips League is gathering momentum. Travis Birch, a leading South Coast official for more than 20 years, will head up the operation.

"The time for skirting this issue has long since passed," Birch said this week.

"I have all the backing needed to call a public meeting and put the show on the road."

"Illawarra has a long history in soccer and we are resolved to achieve what Newcastle KB United and Canberra have."

Birch was the coast's top secretary-manager for 19 years, controlling the destinies of some of the State's best clubs - Corimal Rangers, Corimal United, South Coast United and Safford.

He believes that the experience gained through Newcastle KB's and Canberra City's admission will help speed up Wollongong's bid.

The M.L.A. for Corimal, Laurie Kelly, the long serving president

of the local Fern Hill club, has offered his full support.

The State member for Wollongong, Eric Ramsay, a former Balmorhea club president and a trustee of the NSW Soccer Federation, also is a keen supporter of the move.

"The new club will bring huge support from local government and the media as well as the retail and commercial sectors," Birch said.

"We have a huge Illawarra Association, and local heavy industries are big employers of migrants of many national groups, all of whom are dedicated soccer supporters."

Over the years South Coast clubs have fielded a host of local and imported talent including:

Charlie Stewart, Ted Drain, Jimmy Cunningham, Bob Big-

nail, Bobbie Young, Keith Learmonth, Jim Jenkins, Max Tolson and Barry Salisbury.

And when former England international Jim Kelly led the South Coast side in 1963 an Australian club record crowd of more than 31,000 packed the Sydney Sports Ground for the grand final against APIA.

In recent years, soccer crowds of up to 9,000 have not been uncommon in the Wollongong district.

Today Wollongong players are making their mark on the national scene.

Australian squad mid-fielder Larry Gaffney, an Illawarra product, plays for Brisbane City and national captain, Peter Wilson, journeys up to Sydney to play for PSL club APIA.

And now for Ristovski . . .

By LAURIE SCHWAB

South Melbourne Hellas is trying to sign international forward Mendo Ristovski from Footscray J.U.S.T. before the transfer season closes this week.

However, the price asked by J.U.S.T. may prove to be too high.

Hellas signed striker Steve Carr from Victorian State League club Ajax last week for \$8500. He made his PSL debut in the 1-1 draw with Sydney Olympic at the weekend.

Meanwhile, midfielder Ken Drakesford has told Hellas he wants a transfer. Clubs interested have only until the end of the week to sign him.

Hellas may have been lucky to escape with a draw last Sunday.

Steve Carr - transferred from Ajax to South Melbourne Hellas for \$10,000.

Sponsor is sought for youth league

The Philips League is looking for a major company to sponsor a proposed Australia-wide youth league which would start next season.

The league would be for players under 20, with a maximum of four seniors allowed in each team.

The players would travel interstate with their senior PSL team, thus increasing to about 30 the number of players in the travelling squad.

A major sponsor would have to be found to help meet the added costs.

The recommendation to start a youth league came from the six NSW PSL clubs which met in Sydney last week.

PSL manager John Frank said: "It would mean that Australian-born players would be prepared for their senior teams and for the World Youth tournament in 1981."

HEIDELBERG v FOOTSCRAY

The match between Heidelberg United and Footscray J.U.S.T., postponed because of the Victoria v Partizan match last weekend, has been rescheduled for August 11.



Mendo Ristovski - wants to leave Footscray.

goalscorer and Joe Picciano continues to pop them in regularly. All that remains is for Joe Palinkas and Zdravko Lujic to recapture their scoring flair.

Lujic has been at left back to cover for injured Igor Hazabent but should return to the attack on Sunday, as Hazabent has recovered.

Raiding winger Derek Laing will pose a threat to Footscray as will Clive Eaton who is itching for a chance to show that he can still score goals after all. Joe Picciano will be given a tough time by Richie Bell and Peter Raskopoulos will be a worry in midfield. However, it's likely that Rasopoulos will be marked by Mirko Rujic.

APIA Leichhardt faces a crucial match against West Adelaide in Adelaide on Sunday.

Its loss to Brisbane City last weekend left APIA only one point ahead in fourth place. If it loses this time, West Adelaide will replace APIA in fourth place and West Adelaide could later be replaced by Heidelberg which, after this weekend, will have two matches in hand.

Brisbane City, the other contender for fourth place, is unlikely to improve its position this week, as it meets title-chasing Adelaide City at Perry Park.

With Dixie Deans back after injury, and Chris Kent and John Nysskohus both playing well, Adelaide City has the forward line to beat Steve Perry, George Potter and the other Brisbane defender.

This week's Philips League matches with likely winners in capitals:

IN MELBOURNE

SOUTH MELBOURNE v Newcastle KB Utd at Middle Park, Sunday 3 pm.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v Sydney Olympic at Olympic Park, Sunday 3 pm.

IN ADELAIDE

West Adelaide v APIA-Leichhardt (draw) at Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday 2.30 pm.

IN BRISBANE

Brisbane City v ADELAIDE CITY at Perry Park, Sunday 2.30 pm.

The Sydney matches are deferred due to the Australia v Partizan game in Sydney on Sunday.

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APIA 1
BRISBANE CITY 2

Scorers: Coyne 7th min. (City), Kelso 35th min (City), Reed 55th min (Apia).
Ground: Wentworth Park.
Crowd: 5023.
Weather: Fine.
Referee: Tony Boskovic 8.
Apia lost their first match in 10 weeks when they were beaten 2-1 by a determined and aggressive Brisbane City.

It was a disappointing debut for new coach Ray Richards — who was appointed official coach of Apia just 24 hours before the game.

Apia took the field without their star import Rosario Rampanti who had a pulled muscle.

The brilliance and clever passing and touches of this man were sadly missed by Apia.

The Maroons should have opened the scoring in the 10th minute when a header from Ken Reed hit the woodwork after Kim Wishart had dived the wrong way.

Apia maintained the initiative but were struggling to create openings against a robust Brisbane City back-four.

Against the run of play City opened the scoring with a spectacular goal from John Coyne.

Coyne hit a left foot drive which was unstoppable from just outside the box — and young goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse did extremely well to even touch the ball.

The goal was what City needed to lift their game, as earlier on they appeared nervous and cautious.

Apia fought back strongly looking for the equaliser but they themselves vulnerable at the back and conceded a second goal late in the first half.

Again Coyne had a hand in the goal.

His cross from the right was smashed home by powerfully-built striker Barry Keady.

With just two minutes of the first half remaining, Apia had a glorious opportunity to pull one back.

A cross from Jim Dempsey on the right found Terry Butler well positioned inside the box.

Butler's screaming shot was touched by Wishart with the ball hitting the woodwork and going out for a corner.

From the resulting corner, a Reed header went centimetres wide to the left of Wishart.

In the second half Apia lifted their game considerably but they were determined not to give away a point after their fine showing in the 45-minute period.

Ten minutes into the half Apia had a chance to salvage at least a draw when Coyne was sent off by referee Tony Boskovic.

Boskovic charged Coyne with violent conduct — but it appeared from the groundstand that he was innocent as he tried to prevent two players from fighting.

Just two minutes after Coyne had departed, Apia pulled one back when Reed rose high above City's defence to head home a classic goal following good lead up work by Dempsey, Terry Butler and Peter Stone.

The crowd of 5023 sensed that a draw and even a win for the Maroons was on the cards after Apia's early goal following Coyne's dismissal.

But it wasn't to be as City continually wasted time by kicking the ball out of play at every opportunity or passing it back to keeper Wishart.

Their tactics proved to be successful, as even with 10 men City more than held their own against an Apia side which on the day was just too bad to be true.

Apia failed all day to string more than three passes together.

In the end City more than deserved the two points as they challenged for everything, fought for each other and continually had a man back up the player with the ball.

Cotton robs Canberra

CANBERRA 1
ST GEORGE 1

Scorers: L. Byrne (C) 34th, Cotton (St G) 83rd.
Ground: Bruce Stadium, Canberra.
Crowd: 3220.
Referee: Bob Mac 8.

The message is loud and clear, if now monotonic, Canberra City must acquire a striker.

Against St George last Saturday Canberra City was far the more accomplished side but failed to convert innumerable chances into goals.

After three consecutive defeats Canberra obviously wanted two points from the first game of the second round and against the bottom-placed team before their home fans they expected a win.

Canberra's players were like the challenger in a title fight — eager to prove and make good.

They were aggressive, tenacious and in taking the fight to St George immediately took command.

They never relinquished that command.

Salmon skipper Roy Stark came close with a hard drive that went just over and soon after forward Johnny Davies, Jimmy Cant and Terry Byrne tried shots.

It was all Canberra.

Such was their command of the midfield that they were mounting attack after attack from great build-up work.

But that one pass too many or that tragic mistake of taking too long to control a ball and shoot cost Canberra dearly. It wasn't until the 38th minute that the battered St George finally saw themselves with a deficit.

And even then goalkeeper Mike Fraser — the busiest man on the park — gave City a gift goal.

Stark had floated a cross from the right flank and Fraser appeared to have taken a magnificent right-foot mark, but as he hit the ground the ball popped from his hands right to Canberra's striker Terry Byrne standing just a metre or so from the goal.

"Thanks," said Byrne and pointed home the gift goal, and Canberra led 1-0.

St George with such fine players as Phil O'Connor out-jured and Brendan Grogan on the sideline had no answer to Canberra's midfield control and found their goalmouth peppered with high balls, square balls or through balls.

Davies, Ian Callaghan, Stark and Jimmy Cant all acted as standard forwards to grab the second and put the game beyond doubt.

It didn't come at the interval — in fact in the second period Canberra fell away. Perhaps it came from frustration, but whatever the reason St George began to make more headway.

Canberra's coach Vic Fennell switched new signing David McLaren 19 for Ivan Grulic at the halfway mark and the younger looked a good prospect — but he's not the speedy forward City needs.

Full marks to St George for sticking to their job and showing how dangerous a team able to convert blanket defence into rapid-fire attacks can be.

Even in the dying minutes of the first half they proved this ability when first Peter Hensman came close with a fine header that had Steve Hoskowski going full-length to save and then forward Roy Cotton hit the side netting with a shot from the most acute of angles.

Yet with the game in its final 10 minutes this correspondent and the bulk of City's fans could be excused from having thought that Canberra was going to pull it off and grab both points.

Forgotten was the fact that in its two previous games it had also led at half-time only to end up defeated.

One could even picture headlines of "Canberra square to solitary goal victory" when just two minutes from time St George shattered the illusion by turning blanket defence into good attack, grabbing an equaliser.

The ball was punted upfield and the attack resulted in a free kick. It, however, was blocked and the danger looked over, but the ball rolled to Cotton and he struck the ball first time past a wall of defenders and a diving City keeper.

At least Canberra shared the points, some might say.

Others, like me, would say that Canberra threw one away. It was not a point they should have lost.

It could cost them greatly when one realises just how delicately balanced is the middle of the League ladder. No team can afford to throw points away, particularly Canberra City, who want to improve on its record of twice having finished second to bottom on the PSL.

But while Canberra falters St George can probably take heart and feel that at least they may be in for a revival.

They may be bottom — but have taken three points from their last two games. Perhaps for them

Jankovic earns 10

BRISBANE LIONS 0
MARCONI 4

Scorers: Jankovic 22nd & 49th, Krncic 60th, Byrne 66th.
Ground: Perry Park
Crowd: 1500
Weather: Fine
Referee: Doug Rennie 6
Cautions: Ontong, Hermonston (BL).

Brisbane Lions conceded their second goalscoring bonus in as many matches when PSL leaders Marconi defeated them 4-0 in another one-sided match at Perry Park.

So Marconi quickly made amends for the previous week's unexpected loss to Heidelberg and pulled one of their points back.

It's hard to know just where Lions can turn. They are in real relegation trouble if they continue to lose ground and allow South Melbourne and St George to catch up.

The concession of 10 goals without reply provides Matt Carson with a real headache just as it provides Marconi with their four bonus points of the season.

Lions for a while looked like improving dramatically on the 6-0 hiding by Adelaide City in the previous round, when a reorganised defence enabled them to hold Marconi to a one goal lead at the break.

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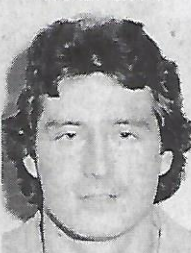
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Kent saves the match

ADELAIDE CITY 1
SYDNEY CITY 1

Chris Kent

Scorers: Barnes (51) Kent (70).
Crowd: 8,550.
Ground: Olympic Sports Field.

Cautions: Deans (AC), Stevenson, O'Connor (SC).
Weather: Mild and sunny.

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Costly miss by Gibson

OLYMPIC 1
STH. MELB 1

Scorers: Davidson (SM) 8th, Bell (O) 15th.
Ground: Pratten Park.
Crowd: 2572.
Weather: Sunny.
Referee: Peter Rampley 7.
Cautions: Nil.

The unpredictable Sydney Olympic has done it again! With the score at 1-1, Olympic turned in a great second half performance to completely dominate proceedings in the second half, but failed to deliver the telling killer punch.

With only fifteen seconds of the second half gone, Olympic had its first chance to go into the lead, but Gibson failed to convert the spot kick after Raskopoulos was brought down in the area.

In the last six minutes with Olympic attacking at furious speed, it was Peter Laumets who denied them the goal with some brilliant saves. To add to the disappointment of Sydney Olympic, it appeared that Derek Laing was brought down in the area with six minutes to go, but the referee felt that Laing took a 'dive' indicating it clearly with his hands.

But it wasn't all Olympic, at least not for the first 15 minutes. South Melbourne opened brightly and could have scored in the seventh minute. Evans ran well attempting to convert a good pass by Cummings but a splendid save by Meier kept the visitors at bay.

Twenty seconds later Meier was not able to stop a vicious drive by Davidson from the edge of the area. Duncan Cummings laid the foundation with a well-measured cross to the far post. The ball bounced once before George Campbell attempted to hook it into the net, but the ball slid off his foot to Evans, who in turn laid the ball for Davidson to ram it home from just inside the box.

It was a well taken goal and the way South Melbourne played those opening minutes it looked like another defeat for the home side at Pratten Park.

A few minutes after the first goal of the game, Baxter narrowly missed with a header following a good cross by Campbell, indicating that this Melbourne machine hadn't said its word in this game.

Then Olympic forced the visitors into defence with a quick counter attack, but it seemed to break down as Mike Pye intercepted a pass and attempted to put it back to the goalkeeper.

Pyne misdirected his pass and Laumets could not stop it going away for a corner.

Peter Raskopoulos took a kick and Ian Rowden challenged at the near post forcing a defender to give away another corner. The situation repeated itself and Olympic had to take a third corner in the space of 15 seconds. This time, Raskopoulos floated the cross to the far post, and with Rowden racing to the near post, Laumets misjudged his jump allowing the ball to flat to the head of Richie Bell, who neatly headed home the equaliser.

From that moment on the visitors were tucked into their own half and seldom looked like a team that deserved a higher spot in the League above its present position.

Despite its territorial advantage, Olympic failed to create a clear cut chance for the rest of the first half, but almost from the restart bounced into attack and should have taken two points.

Raskopoulos carried the ball past Baxter, then skinned Bertie Lutton but was pulled from behind and the referee, Peter Rampley pointed to the spot. George Gibson beat Laumets, but the ball hit the crossbar and rebounded into play. Despite the setback, Olympic continued to attack and should have added to the tally in the 60th minute after a good cross by Raskopoulos.

The young Soccerer went past Baxter before squaring the ball for his U19 team mate Graham Jennings. With 14 metres between him and the line, Jennings aimed well but failed to give the ball enough power giving Laumets an easy save.

With six minutes to go, all hell broke loose as Olympic stormed at South Melbourne in a search for a winning goal. But Peter Laumets was brilliant in goal denying the home side its first two-point haul at Pratten Park.

Joe Marston, the Olympic coach, was an unhappy man after the match. "I think we were going to hammer someone one of these days, and I hope that the ASF gives us four points for scoring eight goals, for that is exactly what we are going to do."

On the other side of the fence, Sam Pappasavas the South president, was happy with the point after what he described as "a poor

Keelan will have a go!

NEWCASTLE 0
WEST ADELAIDE 0

GROUND: International Sports Centre
WEATHER: Cool & Windy
GROUNDS: Soft
CAUTIONS: Grahame Norris
GROWD: 8687
REFEREE: Des Miles (Brisbane) 7

Newcastle KB United manager Alan West may be wondering what his team has to do to win a game after its 0-0 draw against West Adelaide at the International Sports Centre last Saturday.

Newcastle dominated play for long periods, especially in the second half, and during the watch created at least half a dozen chances but either the woodwork or some great saves by Australian goalkeeper Martyn Crook denied them goals.

However, the nine thousand supporters that braved the chilly bristling winds were treated to a very exciting and entertaining game.

The local team welcomed the return of Bill Summerscales, Grahame Heys and Joe Senkalski returning from injury. New recruit Kevin Keelan made his first appearance in front of the local crowd.

Playing in the central striker position Keelan showed that he does not have to be begged to have a shot at goal and certainly knows where the goals are.

With so many shot-shy strikers around this must certainly be a decided plus in his game. Newcastle played some wonderful football during the game and the side of Joe Senkalski in the Newcastle United midfield had a big influence in that Senkalski's service to his forwards was more like what Alan West would expect from his midfield and possibly has been missing since the injury to Ian Seddon.

The ball was played to feet instead of in the air a fact that was relieved by strikers Boden, Keelan and Heys and some lovely movements were created down the flanks with the local team occasionally scoring on several occasions.

However Senkalski's improvement in his work rate would have pleased West most as the youngster completely nullified West Adelaide dynamo Peter Boyle.

During all this pressure, Martyn Crook, Dan Jones and the classic Ken Kambas continually came to the rescue for the visitors.

The second half saw Newcastle take the field without their star striker Ken Boden as he suffered a calf muscle injury in the first half and his place was taken by Jimmy McBeane.

The change only made the local team more determined and the 45th minute saw Peter Boyle, who had been preferred in the right back position in place of Peter Willis, make a great break down the flank, cut the ball back to midfield, Peter Tredeknick, whose shot from the edge of the penalty area crashed against the upright.

The rebound fell to Grahame Heys, whose shot from five metres hit the underside of the crossbar bounding on the line and in the waiting arms of Crook.

That was not all. Two minutes later the unlucky Peter Tredeknick picked the ball up in the midfield made ground and from thirty metres out unleashed a great shot that crashed against the crossbar.

Newcastle continued to press for the rest of the game, but only managed to pile up an impressive list of corners.

It was on some of those corners that Martyn Crook made his only blunders of the match.

On three occasions from inswinging corners from Heys and Tredeknick Crook failed to cover the ball that only missed the far post by a whisker.

However we can not be too critical of young West Adelaide keeper, who otherwise gave a great display.

West Adelaide came to Newcastle looking for a draw and aided by a little luck managed to do just that but on last week's showing one can not see them retaining their title. The midfield failed to support the aggressive two-prong attack of Norris and Kosmina, and more often than not the attacks were formulated through the middle with no men

Violence: appeal for points

Brisbane City has appealed to the Phillips League against the two points West Adelaide collected for its 2-1 win over City at Hindmarsh Stadium on June 17.

City claim their leading goalscorer Kevin Low was attacked in the players' race at half-time when the Brisbane side led 1-0, by a West Adelaide player.

Low was allegedly kicked in the groin by the West Adelaide player and had to receive emergency treatment from the St John Ambulance and at one stage it appeared that oxygen may have been required.

City president, Mr. Gino Merlo said he was appealing against the two points awarded to West Adelaide under rule 8 (C) of the rules of the competition.

In his extensive report, Mr. Merlo said the match revealed a sorry episode in the history of the sport which will be a serious setback to the game unless urgent action is taken to discipline the parties responsible.

He added "Little public confidence can be expected in a situation where a team which is leading 1-0 at half time has its morale and its chances of performing destroyed by (a) - a vicious, unprovoked and disabling assault on one of the team's best players and leading goalscorers which prevented him from taking the field and (b) - the abject failure of the referee to control the match and the crowd, and in particular his failure to take any action at all with the crowd at the end of the match." Merlo said.

The Brisbane City report was accompanied by further reports from City officials who accompanied the team to Adelaide, the employers of Kevin Low and Queensland Soccer Federation medical officer Dr. Keith Pearson.

Low's employers verified he was unfit for work the following day because of injury and Dr. Pearson confirmed the severity of the injury. "What sort of man would lower himself to attack another human being in this demeaning manner?" Mr. Merlo said.

Each Nereo Strich said the team was further victimised by its inability to properly instruct the players at half time because of the turmoil.

He said goalkeeper Kim Wozniak complained to the referee that spectators were throwing stones at him during the match, yet the referee took no action.

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Shepparton's spending spree paying off

Mackay, Armstrong put United on way to title

Star-studded Victorian club Shepparton United, featuring Jimmy Mackay and Jimmy Armstrong, is set to win the championship of the Victorian North-Eastern Soccer League.

Shepparton United was founded by the Greek community of Shepparton in 1959 and was first known as Olympus.

Affiliated with the Goulburn Murray Soccer Federation in 1960, Shepparton won the League Cup in its first year.

League teams in 1960 were: Roma, Tongala, Olympus, Shepparton City, Gunbower, Macedonia, Echua, Torrumbury, and Cobuna.

In 1961 Olympus moved to a new home ground at Lemnos Oval and changed its name to Lemnos Soccer Club.

However, Lemnos existed for just one season as in 1962, it again moved, this time to Central Park, Shepparton East.

A new club name followed — Shepparton East United S.C.

Every year Shepparton East United was a strong force in the league and was always respected as one of the teams to beat, but for some reason never succeeded in finals.

The year of 1966 was one of disaster for the club. Players and all concerned began to lose interest and after a poor half year the club folded.

The club was non-existent from mid '66 till 1970. In 1971 a new Shepparton United was born, affiliated this time with the North-Eastern Soccer League (N.E.S.L.).

The teams in 1971 were: Shepparton United, Shepparton City, King Valley, Wodonga, Cobram, Whorouly, Myrtleford, Wangaratta, Benalla, Deniliquin, Seymour, Albury.

The N.E.S.L. in 1971 consisted of those 12 teams with the headquarters being centrally located at Wangaratta.

Each club now in the N.E.S.L. consists of four teams — U13, U16, Reserves and Seniors.

Apart from the reserve team and juniors, the Shepparton United Seniors are still yet to win a final or championship.

This year big things are expected, with the signing of Jimmy Mackay, Jimmy Armstrong, Ivan Ivanovic and Sam Loughran.

Already this year Shepparton United has won the N.E.S.L. Easter Cup and is sitting on top of the N.E.S.L. ladder undefeated.

GEORGE TRIANIDIS, born 7th March 1962 in Australia, full



George Gouloupoulos, president of Shepparton United.

BULJEVIC, PYE IN 'COMEBACK'

Mike Pye of South Melbourne and Branko Buljevic of Heidelberg, both members of "Soccer Action" 1977 Team of the Year, have emerged as candidates for the 1979 all-stars, after a year's absence.

Peter Sharne of Marconi and Martyn Cook of West Adelaide are the only two 1978 all-stars currently among the leading contenders for our 1979 Team of the Year.

Cook was included as goalkeeper in 1977 and 1978.

The "Soccer Action" Team of the Year is determined according to votes gained in the Yugoslav Airlines player of the year award (see p.4). We have compiled the following all-stars from votes gained up to last weekend. Two players appear out of position — Jim Hermiston at defensive midfield instead of centre back, and Steve O'Connor at left back instead of centre back — because they have ratings superior to those of players who usually appear in these positions.

CROOK (W. Adel.)			
PYE (S. Melb.)	MUIR (Adel. C.)	PRSKALO (Marc)	S. O'CONNOR (Syd. C.)
DAVIES (Can. C.)	HERMISTON (Brisb. L.)	KRNCVIC (Marc.)	
SHARNE (Marc.)	JANKOVIC (Marc.)	BULJEVIC (H'berg)	

United on way to title

back. A product of the juniors. At 17, George is an up and coming star of the future. A hard and strong defender in his first senior year.

ANGIE RUSSO, born 10th November, 1962 in Australia. Occupation: Farmer, position: striker. Another product of the junior ranks. At only 16, Angie is scoring goals and fast becoming a top striker. Big, strong and clever, this is his first senior year.

JIMMY ARMSTRONG, born 21st March 1943 in Scotland. Occupation: Physical Education Teacher, position: centre forward. Record holder for most goals scored in the Victorian State League. Has represented Australia and Victoria. Played for Hakoah, South Melbourne Hellas and Juventus. One of the all-time greats of Australian soccer.

SAM LOUGHRAN, born 24th November, 1950 in Ireland. Occupation: Insurance Inspector, position: midfielder. Son of all-time Soccer great Frank Loughran, Sam was recruited from Coburg this year. Plays his role in the midfield to perfection, clever and an excellent ball player.

HARRY AVRAM, born 5th November, 1958 in Australia. Occupation: Jean Store Manager, position: striker. Harry, at the ripe age of 20, is a smart striker and still improving. He can still boast a record number of goals scored in an inter-league match as a junior.

ARTHUR ZURCHAS, born 14th November, 1954 in Australia. Occupation: Hotel Manager, position: full back. Arthur has proved over the years to be the club's greatest full back ever hard and very strong, most wingers find him impossible to beat. Popular with the club's supporters who class him as the "brick wall."

STAN VASSILOU, born 20th August, 1961 in Australia. Occupation: Orchardist, position: centre half. At only 17, Stan has proved to be one of the best in the N.E.S.L. Very cool and calm, his ball control is excellent. If ever a youngster is to make the big time in soccer — Stan has what it takes.

IVAN IVANOVIC, born 25th July 1944 in Croatia. Position: sweeper. Formerly with Victorian State League team Croatia.

COSTA TOPSAHALIDIS, born 3rd March, 1944 in Greece. Occupation: Factory Worker, position: midfielder. One of the few N.E.S.L. all-time greats. Costa has played in this league for many years. Represented the league many times. Top league goalscorer 1971 Best and Fairest last year. He came to United from Wangaratta in 1977 and has controlled the midfield to perfection.

JIMMY MACKAY, born 19th December, 1943 in Scotland. Occupation: Company Director, position: midfielder. Scored the goal that put the Soccercoos into the 1974 World Cup finals, with a 1-0 victory over South Korea. Represented Australia 52 times, including 31 full internationals. Played for Croatia, Sydney City and South Melbourne Hellas.

ALEX ZURCHAS, born 8th May, 1953 in Australia. Occupation: Hotel Manager, position: goalkeeper (at the moment). The golden boy of Shepparton United, has played every position in the team. Best and Fairest in 1976 and 1977



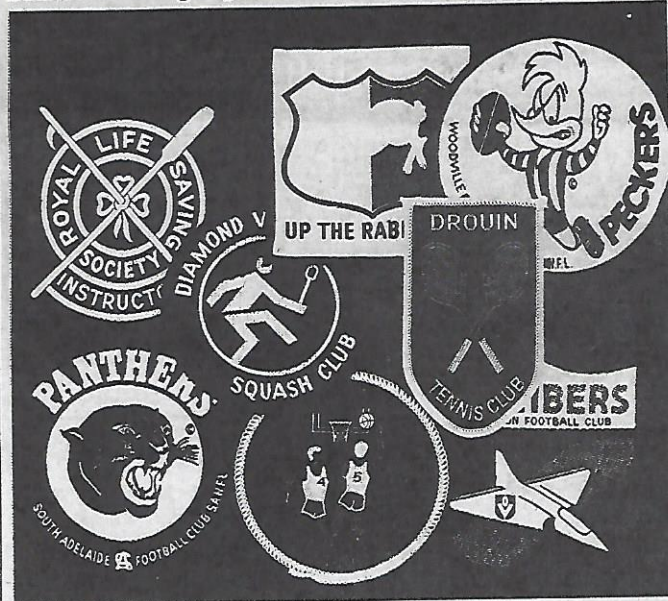
Shepparton United, back row (from left): Peter Zourkas, (official), George Trianidis, Sam Loughran, Angie Russo, Harry Avram, Jimmy Armstrong, Arthur Zurcas, George Gouloupoulos (president). Front row: Stan Vassiliou, Jimmy Mackay (capt), Ivan Ivanovic, Alex Zurcas, Costa Topsehalidis, Vasil Bellos.



The goal that won South Melbourne Hellas the 1975 Dockerty Cup — Jimmy Armstrong's penalty kick gives Sunshine goalkeeper Bill Johnson no chance.

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Man. City bids for Supermac

From JIM COOK
Our European Correspondent

Flamboyant striker Malcolm MacDonald is almost certain to leave Arsenal, and may join Manchester City, which is about to launch a massive spending spree.

MacDonald, known as "Supermac", has been dogged by injury over the past 1½ seasons, and spent most of last season with Djurgården of Sweden in a bid to overcome a knee problem.

Arsenal advised MacDonald to go to Sweden because the club thought his knee wasn't ready for the rigours of English soccer. One of his last appearances for Arsenal was in the 1978 FA Cup final against Ipswich Town, which Arsenal lost 0-1.

MacDonald played for England, and will be remembered by Australian fans for his guest games for South Melbourne, and his participation in the "World of Soccer" tournament in Australia involving Arsenal, Red Star, Celtic and the Australian national team.

In almost typical fashion, big Supermac was sent home along with midfielder Alan Hudson for misconduct on the Australian tour.

Spurs is also interested in MacDonald, and is running neck and neck with Manchester City to win his services.

Manchester City may figure in four big deals. First its on the cards that Asa Hartford could figure in a swap deal with Tony Woodcock of Nottingham Forest. Steve Daley, the Wolves star midfielder, could be bought for over half a million pounds. A third bid likely to be in the \$300,000 bracket is for Irving Natness of Newcastle, while the final deal for Wrexham striker Bobby Shinton is all but completed except the Welsh side want 350,000 pounds while City is offering a 100,000 pound loss.

Stoke manager Alan Duncan is likely to take over the vacant spot with Derby County.

A couple of years ago non-league players could be got for a song. Not anymore. Little Southern United recently forked out 15,000 pounds to Redditch for striker Mickey Tuohy.

Non-league giants Worcester

City and Kettering Town, who finished first and second in the Southern League both had their applications for election to the Fourth Division of the English League turned down.

The newly-formed Premier League Alliance will consist of 13 Southern League and seven Northern Premier League clubs to make it all-powerful in its aim for automatic promotion of the top clubs to the Football League.

John McGovern (29) the Scot skipper of Nottingham Forest who has constantly been ignored by the managers of Scotland, has signed a new three year contract which will tie him to Brian Clough's side until he is 32.

Unsettled Derby County central defender Roy McFarland is likely to quit the club when his contract expires next month. McFarland, who has been 13 years with Derby, is tipped to join his old boss Tommy Docherty at Queens Park Rangers.

Likely to move from West Ham are England under 23 defender John McDowell and former star keeper Mervyn Day, tipped to move to promoted Watford.

Trevor Ross the Everton midfielder may move from Goodison Park to Spurs. Southampton and Brighton are all keen on the Scottish international.

Spurs winger Peter Taylor may be on the move again when the club returns from its tour of Japan. West Ham are likely to buy Taylor and at the same time sell Alan Curshley for 250,000 pounds to Birmingham.

Charlie George, bogged down

with injury since joining Southampton, has had a cartilage operation but reckons he will be fully fit for the new season.

Brian Greenhoff, left out of Manchester United's Cup final side, is up for sale for 350,000 pounds. Another United player Stewart Houston may join his old boss Tommy Docherty at Queens Park Rangers for around 70,000 pounds.

Archie Gemmill is to be offered the post of player-manager of Bristol Rovers — a step towards full managership.

Watford's rock star chairman Elton John, who recently returned to UK after getting a fantastic reception for his concerts in Moscow, has arranged for his team to play home and away matches against Central Army Club of Moscow.

New York Cosmos has sacked Eddie Firmani, who led them to two consecutive titles.

Bob Houghton, manager of European Cup finalist Malmö, has been banned from the touchline for three weeks after swearing at the referee in a Swedish League game.

Preston North End has signed former Hibs and Newcastle United defender John Blackley.

John Toshack, the Swansea player-manager, has been rewarded for getting the club into the Second Division with a five-year contract.

Steve Heighway, the Liverpool and Republic of Ireland winger, may quit soccer in the next 12 months. Heighway, now 33, reckons he may have had enough.



Malcolm MacDonald

Tarantini transfers

Argentine World Cup defender Alberto Tarantini has transferred from Birmingham City to Talleres for \$450,000.

Talleres came close to winning the Argentine national championship last season, and with the addition of Tarantini now has five players in the current Argentine national squad.

The others are Osorio, Valencia Galvan and Bertoni, who was due to transfer back to Argentina from Spain's Sevilla for around \$700,000.

Tarantini had one season in the English First Division, but had an unhappy time. Birmingham was relegated and he was played in midfield, a position that doesn't suit him.

He was involved in a controversial incident which culminated with Manchester Utd's Jimmy Greenhoff being carried off the pitch after being knocked out.

Lubanski snubs Poland

Wlodek Lubanski, 32-year-old forward with Belgium's Lokomotiv, politely told Poland manager Rydzek Kulesza that he didn't want to make a return in the European championship.

Lubanski, scorer of around 50 goals in 80 internationals and whose fading glory was seen in the World Cup Final last year, had been asked back by Kulesza to help guide his reshaped team in the absence of Kazim Deyna.

The player wasn't interested, despite the fact that Kulesza's men had just lost 2-1 in East Germany and faced Holland next time out. Lubanski insisted he had done his bit for Poland and it was time the young players took over.

MENOTTI BACK FOR SPAIN '82

Argentine national coach Cesar Menotti has signed a new four-year contract with the FA and will lead his country's World Cup bid in Spain 1982.

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one. This year I expect to watch at least 200 players in action in spite of the extensive international programme," Menotti said.

What will be the difference this time?

It will be more difficult, says Menotti. "Last time we started from nothing, but now we are world champions and have the responsibility of defending the title. This changes our whole outlook, but it doesn't frighten me. The players are here and we have already shown what we can do with good organisation. Now we have confidence and conviction and know that it can be done. But again, we will need everybody's help, because I am convinced that the World Cup was not won entirely by the players, but also by objective journalists, soccer officials and others who generously helped us."

"But the most important difference now is that the national team has its fans which was not the case before," Menotti continued. "Over 2,000 people turned up at the airport to see them arrive for a friendly practice against local club in Mendoza recently." "We are also playing cleaner soccer than before at club level and more clubs are playing attacking soccer — all of which will help me to get the players to play the kind of soccer I want."

Eric Well in "World Soccer"

CRUYFF TO AZTECS?

Dutch star Johan Cruyff may join the Los Angeles Aztecs instead of the New York Cosmos.

Negotiations between Cosmos and Cruyff broke down, and now the Aztecs are favorites to sign the superstar. Cruyff is after the best possible deal from his venture to the USA to overcome financial problems caused by the collapse of several of his businesses.

Cruyff originally intended to sign a one-year contract with Cosmos after the NASL club had paid him a sizeable fee giving it first option on Cruyff if he came out of retirement.

Cosmos superstar Franz Beckenbauer will be out of action for two months because of a knee cartilage injury.

New star in Brazil

AFTER much gossip Claudio Coutinho finally named a new Brazilian team for a friendly with Paraguay and other matches.

The first Brazilian side formed after the World Cup is based on Flamengo, the club of Claudio Coutinho. He left out the players of Guarani (Zanon, Careca and Renato) because they are involved in the Libertadores da America Cup. Without any doubt the strength of the new Brazilian squad is in the midfield with Carpeggiani, Falcao and Zico.

Carpeggiani couldn't play in Argentina because he was injured, but now he is in good shape and playing superbly. Recently he was chosen the "Player of the Year".

Falcao had an argument with Coutinho during the World Cup qualifying tournament in Colombia and was left out. He is an outstanding player and everybody in Brazil thinks that the 1978 World Cup story could be a different one if Falcao had been there.

Zico had a terrible time in and after Argentina, but he is a confident player again, scoring and willing to show the world that maybe he isn't a "White Pele", but that he knows everything about football.

New names are Junior, Nilton Batata, Socrates and Eder. Junior is a good left-back in Flamengo, but nobody is sure if he can fit well in the Brazilian team.

But it is on the left side of the attack that the Brazilians are waiting for great things to happen. Finally Eder was given a chance to prove that he can repeat in the Brazilian team, the football he has been shown in Gremio (Porto Alegre).

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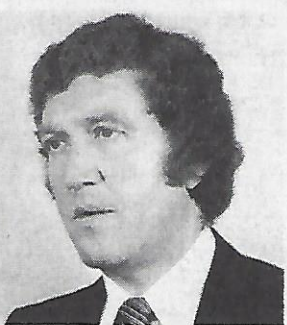
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Will Rudi try the 'new' Picioane?

By KYLE PATTERSON

State coach Len McKendry heaped praise on Footscray midfielder Joe Picioane after Victoria's victory over Partizan, and this served to highlight the problems of Australia's somewhat disjointed national team planning.

To most of the 10,282 spectators at the game, Picioane played below average, showing few of the Brazilian-style ball skills that made him famous.

Missing too was Picioane's attacking flair, as the midfielder rarely ventured near goal before he scored the winner in the 84th minute.

However, McKendry said it was the best game I've seen Joe play.

"If Picioane is to play in World Cup games," said McKendry, "that's the way he'll have to play. He had an outstanding match, and was especially good at picking up Partizan midfielders running forward."

I select players to play in a team, and Picioane's performance was great from that point of view.

Yet, while Picioane has sacrificed playing his natural game for McKendry, who is grooming him as a potential Soccerroo, what is the use? Picioane has not figured in any of Rudi Gutendorf's national trials.

And what of Jim Tansey? He played a superb game against Partizan and was consistently good in matches against Norwich City and Wisla Krakow, but still wasn't selected in Gutendorf's squad for Australia's game against New Zealand.

Tansey is probably the finest left back in Australia.

Steve Kokoska is McKendry's stopper, and eligible to play for Australia, but Gutendorf has used Englishman Stuart Baxter in trial games.

There are other examples of such disjointed planning.

The blame rests with both parties and the whole situation is another stumbling block on the road to World Cup qualification.

The present situation has McKendry and Gutendorf following different paths. The division is such that Gutendorf has another coach as his assistant and "caretaker" of Melbourne-based players.

I'm not taking sides on this matter, merely highlighting the situation that exists. How can we challenge the highly-organised South Koreans and the millionaires of the Middle East this way?

Victoria's win over Partizan has justified the lavish praise given to the State team this year. It proves that the new format of representative soccer implemented by McKendry and the VSF is best under local conditions.

Never before has a Victorian team been kept together so long, and the results prove that maintaining a set squad is profitable.

The stars for Victoria were Jim Tansey, Tommy Cumming, Jamie Paton, Gary Cole, John Yzendoorn and Jimmy Rooney. Picioane was effective as a defensive player, and the goal capped off his game.

For Partizan, Milan Djordjevic was the best followed by Milan Pavkovic, Nikica Klincarski and goalkeeper Rade Zalad.

Victoria deserved to win the game, which easily could have finished with five goals. Partizan played smooth, crisp soccer at times in the first half, and Djordjevic and Pavkovic showed dazzling ball skills.

But after the interval Victoria found gaps in the Partizan defence, and didn't permit Belgrade to develop any rhythm. The Yugoslavs lost composure and looked ordinary.

Victoria concentrated on containing and pressuring Partizan, and this meant the midfield was defensively-minded. However, Cole and Cumming moved well up front, and Rooney was a driving force.

The Paton-Cole partnership was too much for Partizan's sweeper Stojkovic. He wasn't allowed to lay back and collect the loose balls, because he always had a forward pushing up on him.

In defence, Tansey was supreme, although he did less work as an offensive player than he normally does.

Tansey headed a shot from Klincarski off the line in the first half, and did a lot of sound defensive work.

Yzendoorn and Kokoska were safe in the centre of defence,



Partizan's captain Nenad Stojkovic (right) has been up against some of the world's top forwards while playing for the Yugoslav national team, but he didn't handle Victoria's Gary Cole (left). Picture by STEVE CHATZIS.



Jim Tansey (left) heads off the line early in the game, with goalkeeper Yakka Banovic (right) beaten.

Pics challenge NSW

Victoria has challenged NSW to a full interstate match at the end of the season.

NSW, which has just appointed Leo Umegartner as State coach, has accepted providing its best players are required for the national team at time of the proposed match.

However, this provision should be no consequence as Umegartner said most of his State players will from the Pepsi State League.

Having watched a number of State league games this season, I am convinced that there is an abundance of talent available," he said.

Umegartner said he would form

State under 14, under 16 and senior teams.

Victoria and NSW drew 2-2 at Middle Park the last time they met in April, 1970.

Scorers were Billy Vojtek and Doug Ujesenovic for Victoria and Mike Denton and Adrian Alston for NSW.

The teams were: VICTORIA: Jack Reilly — Doug Ujesenovic, George Kinnell, Sandy Irvine, Alistair Scott — Jimmy Mackay, Jack Goodwin, Frank Miele — Slobodan Zoraja (Billy Rogers), Billy Vojtek, Branko Buljevic.

NSW: Jim Fraser — Dennis Yaeger, Alan Marnoch, Manfred Schaefer, Don Sandell — Johnny Warren, John Watkins, Roy Beart — Attila Abonyi, Adrian Alston, Mike Denton.



Intense concentration shows on the faces of Partizan's Milan Pavkovic and his pursuer, Steve Short. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

aided by the leisurely attitude of central striker Slobodan Santrac,

Santrac, a veteran goalscorer in Yugoslavia, did little against Victoria. He didn't run off the ball much and seemed content to stay idle in the centre.

Goalkeeper Yakka Banovic did well in the difficult situations he faced.

Jamie Paton worked into some good scoring positions but missed chances he normally would take. He hasn't scored in any of Victoria's three international games this year.

Victoria's only trouble spot was at right back where Steve Short had a bad day. Djordjevic is a

sharp, skilful winger and Short couldn't hold him.

The Partizan forward did a lot of damage to Victoria but with Santrac non-existent, Djordjevic lacked support to become a match-winner.

Cumming had a great chance to score after four minutes when a long clearance by Banovic was missed by Partizan captain and sweeper Nenad Stojkovic. Cumming headed the bouncing ball wide with only the goalkeeper to beat.

Tansey was called in to head off the line in the 12th minute. Milan Pavkovic started the move when he went down the right side and crossed Banovic punched the ball out, but Pavkovic followed up

VICTORIA 1 (Picioane 84th min) PARTIZAN BELGRADE 0 at Olympic Park, Melbourne. Crowd: 10,282.

VICTORIA: Banovic 8 — Short 5, Kokoska 7, Yzendoorn 8, Tansey 9 — Tront 6, Picioane 7, Rooney 8 — Cumming 8, Cole 8, Paton 7.5.

PARTIZAN: Zalad 8 — Kovacevic 6, Stojkovic 7.5, Djurovic 6.5 (Lazicic, 70th min), Trifunovic 7 — Prekazi 6, Pavkovic 8, Klincarski 7 — Djordjevic 9, Santrac 5, Todorovic 5 Varga, 65th Min).

Referee: Chris Bambridge 8.

Cautions: Todorovic, Zalad (PB).

and sent the ball to Klincarski, whose volley was blocked by the Heidelberg defender.

Pavkovic was a dominating player in the first half. He took control of the midfield but wasn't as authoritative in the second half.

Klincarski saved Partizan in the 17th minute when he blocked a shot by Picioane after good work by Paton and Cole on the right flank.

Cole was a damaging player with his flick ons, and in the 34th minute he set up Cumming, but Zalad saved at the little forward's feet.

Victoria's best chance of the first half came when Cole ran onto a great pass from Rooney. He headed for goal, but keeper Zalad had spotted the danger early to rush out and force Cole wide.

Cole skipped past Zalad, but his shot from an acute angle hit the post with the goal open.

Partizan played better soccer in the first half but Victoria had just as many chances. Crisp passing, and the ability to play their way out of tight corners were outstanding features of the Belgrade men's play.

However, Aca Todorovic hardly touched the ball against Tansey, and Prekazi did little in midfield.



Partizan's best player, left winger Milan Djordjevic.

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FRANKSTON HAS FORM, BUT CROATIA TO WIN

By KYLE PATTERSON

The best defence in the Victorian State League will be faced by the best attack in this week's important clash between Essendon Croatia and Frankston City at Olympic Park.

Frankston City, the shock leader of the State League, has scored 46 goals at an average of 2.50 a game to have the most lethal attack in the competition.

But Essendon Croatia has conceded only 12 goals this season at an average of 0.66 per game to have the meekest defence.

The battle between these two departments will be of great importance as Frankston faces its last test in the form of the reigning champion - Croatia. If Frankston can put down the challenge of Croatia, it will have one foot in the door on the way to taking the title.

Many people have doubted Frankston's ability, saying it will be only a matter of time before its bubble bursts. But a 'Soccer Action' review of the State League shows Frankston to be the most consistent and entertaining team around this season.

This conclusion comes from a glance at the composite ladder on this page. Notice Frankston has played 19 games for only two defeats and two draws.

In the goalkeeping stakes - which is directly proportional to entertainment value - Frankston is a clear leader, with an average of 2.50 per game.

The composite ladder was compiled after taking into consideration all Ampol Cup, Dockery Cup and championship games played this season. Because cup

competitions are knock out, some teams have played more games than others.

An important fact to remember when studying the ladder is that games decided on penalties have been counted as draws. Most will agree penalty shootouts are 'hit and miss' so it would be unfair to count them as bone fide results.

But back to the important State League clash at Olympic Park this Sunday. Frankston has already claimed the scalp of Preston Makedonia and has a great chance of adding Croatia's.

The factor that will decide Frankston's chances is the performance of its defence. There's no hiding that the centre of the City defence is suspect. Altona, which had scored only 10 goals in nine games, managed to knock three past goalkeeper Frank Petersen in the last round.

Two rounds before that, Hakoah managed to score three with a forward line that had only Michael Loh as a dangerman.

Clearly this area is Frankston's weakness, and Croatia has the players to exploit this - if they are used in the right positions!

Ken Murphy MUST play up alongside Carl Gilder, and Tommy Cumming MUST return to the

right flank. Coach Brian Edgeley experimented against Makedonia, but the moves didn't come off.

Cumming's workrate will cover the loss of Murphy from the midfield, and beside Murphy moves around well on the forward line. A Gilder needs Murphy to take some pressure off him, as well as having someone to make use of his flick ons and dummy runs.

There's a good chance midfielder Keith Adams will be assigned the job of marking Eamon Bannon, the star Frankston guest player. This would be a good play, as Adams' admirable defensive qualities and fighting spirit would be utilised.

John Gardiner would add tremendous creativeness to the midfield, but it looks as though he will play sweeper. Still, here he will be a creative player, but it's sure that shrewd Frankston coach Freddy Bunce will give strikers Noel Mitten or Kevin Swincoe the task of pressurising Gardiner to prevent him starting moves.

Howard Andrews had a good game against Makedonia and doesn't deserve to be left out. He may play at full back if Brian Edgeley decides to leave out Grant Smart or Ante Bilaver, both who had poor games last round.

For many seasons, Croatia hasn't lost two in a row. What's more, the team is most ferocious after a defeat. Frankston found this out last year in what is an omen for this week's game.

Frankston was sitting near the top. Croatia lost the previous week to Ringwood City, but bounced back to hammer Frankston 5-0!

Hakoah has injury problems, and it's not known if Dave Rigby,

Bill Jordanou and Graham French will be fit for this game. If they aren't, Sunshine will start favorite because it will be keyed up to get the bad performance against Green Gully's home record could take a further battering when confident Crocydon City visits St. Albans. Joe Tront is back in top form, and the Crocydon back four is back to its best. Peter Loughnane could be fit to add more firepower to Crocydon.

Green Gully has its share of trouble with Ian McCarthy leaving the club, and Steve Carr being transferred. This gives Crocydon a great chance to snatch two valuable away points.

Altona City came close to knocking off Frankston City, but will find Juventus no pushover at Olympic Park. Juve's front line of Bobby McGuinness, George Gillan and Tony Heery is a dangerous one backed up by Claude Lucchesi, the club's top goalscorer.

Altona has Robin Craw and Bob Taylor running into form, and Stuart Cannell has started impressively in midfield. Billy Whyte is a talented linkman, and overall the teams should be evenly matched. I predict a draw.

Another game of 'strugglers' is the George Cross/Slavia game at the Showgrounds. Two seasons ago these two clubs dominated the State League. Now Slavia is on the bottom and George Cross in 11th place.

Slavia's defence has been good all season, but let down periodically by goalkeeper Alex McPherson. The midfield is solid, but definitely lacks penetration.

The main problem is up front. Jim Williams is a top winger, and

Steve Aldridge a hard-working striker, but neither is a goalscorer. Jamie Paton, who played only a handful of games for Slavia in the league, is still top scorer. George Cross has been flat even after the acquisition of Tony Cowan, John Bernard, Michael Wilson and Brian Thom. The defence has been inconsistent, and the forward line lacking punch.

But both teams will be desperate to win.

Preston Makedonia faces a danger game against Albion Rovers. Makedonia must win convincingly to gain momentum for a championship push. Be warned: Preston Albion will steal this game if given half a chance!

Makedonia should win, but Albion is a giantkiller. Remember the opening round of the State League when Essendon Croatia fell victim of Bill McArthur's plans. Preston can expect taught marking and ruthless defence by Albion. In Blair Wark, Nisbet and Johnson, Albion has the defence to hold Makedonia out.

Mike D'Silva will make the most of any half chances in attack. George McMillan could be unavailable, but Gary Ward, Robert Cullen and Co. should pull through for Makedonia.

STATE LEAGUE Saturday June 30: Sunshine City v St. Kilda Hakoah (Chaplin Res.), Green Gully v Crocydon City (Green Gully Res.), Juventus v Altona City (at Olympic Park, No. 2 ground) Sunday July 1: Prahan Slavia v George Cross (Showgrounds, Ascot Vale), Preston Makedonia v Albion Leyland (B. J. Connor Res. Reserve), Essendon Croatia v Frankston City (at Olympic Park, No. 2 ground).

1979 review

Club analysis: Victorian State League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	%success
FRANKSTON	18	14	2	2	46	22	30	83.33
CROATIA	18	11	4	3	34	12	26	72.22
MAKEDONIA	18	11	3	4	41	21	25	69.44
CROYDON	19	9	4	6	38	32	22	57.89
AJAX	20	8	6	6	31	26	22	55.00
HAKOAH	19	9	2	8	33	27	20	52.63
SLAVIA	20	9	3	8	33	20	21	52.50
JUVENTUS	17	7	2	8	34	28	16	47.05
ALTONA	17	5	3	9	27	30	13	38.23
SUNSHINE	17	4	5	8	21	24	13	38.23
GEO. CROSS	17	4	5	8	20	28	13	38.23
ALBION	16	3	4	9	15	24	10	31.25

Defence Attack

Defensive rate: goals conceded per game	Scoring rate: goals per game
Ess. Croatia.....0.66	Frankston City.....2.50
Prahan Slavia.....1.00	Preston Makedonia.....2.27
Preston Makedonia.....1.16	Croydon City.....2.00
Frankston City.....1.22	Juventus.....2.00
G.G. Ajax.....1.30	Ess. Croatia.....1.88
Sunshine City.....1.41	Hakoah St. K.....1.70
Hakoah St. K.....1.42	Prahan Slavia.....1.65
Albion Rovers.....1.50	Altona City.....1.58
Juventus.....1.64	G.G. Ajax.....1.55
Geo. Cross.....1.64	Sunshine City.....1.23
Croydon City.....1.68	Geo. Cross.....1.17
Altona City.....1.76	Albion Rovers.....0.93

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Croatia downs rivals, leaps to six-point lead

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A superlative first-half effort saw Croatia defeat arch-rivals, Avala, 2-0 at Arlinton Oval.

The 5000 plus crowd provided a splendid atmosphere for the match and brought out the best in both teams.

Competition leaders Croatia took the lead after nine minutes when Morris Sullivan followed a free kick down the middle and slid the ball past the advancing goalkeeper.

Defences on both sides were well organised units and gave away few scoring chances with Peter Mullen and Tommy Basic of Croatia turning in good displays.

Croatia went to a 2-0 lead when Marion Kovacic floated over a long corner kick from the right to the head of former World Cup striker Atti Abonyi, who made no mistake from an acute angle.

After the interval, Avala came back with a strong challenge, throwing Croatia out of gear.

Neil Williams pushed ahead in the midfield and his side went close to scoring, when first Alan Griffith and then Zoran Durisic shot wide of the goal.

Abonyi worked hard to get his side running smoothly and the match finished on a high note, when Sullivan fired over the bar from only three metres out after a spectacular passing movement.

PEPSI STATE LEAGUE:

CROATIA 2 (Sullivan, Abonyi) Avala 0 at Arlinton Oval. Crowd: 5245.

SUTHERLAND 3 (Beggs, Basterfield, Hesford) Monaro 0 at Seymour Shaw Park. Crowd: 1401.

The following games were washed out:
Kuring-Gai v Parramatta at Parklands oval, Bankstown v Marrickville Olympic at soccer centre, Manly v Yugal at Cromer Park, Amcliffe v Melita at Hurstville, Toongabbie v Auburn at Gabbie Stadium.

Standings

	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Croatia	10	4	0	34	13	24
Inter Monaro	7	4	3	32	23	18
Melita Eagles	6	5	2	21	13	17
Sutherland	6	4	4	27	15	16
Avala	7	1	6	24	24	15
M. Olympic	5	3	5	19	18	13
Auburn	5	3	5	24	25	13
Toongabbie	4	4	5	20	21	12
Kuriwaav	3	6	4	16	22	12
P'matta	6	0	7	14	24	12
Bankstown	4	3	6	13	15	11
A'cliffe	3	3	7	13	23	9
Manly	3	2	8	11	18	8
Yugal	2	2	9	11	25	6

Albion, Gully gain

One of Albion Rovers' mystery men has surfaced - he's midfielder Jay Reilly from Scotland.

Reilly arrived in Australia last weekend, and may play for Albion this week against Preston Maderonia.

But the second player due to join Albion has changed his mind, and is likely to stay in England. He's forward Joe Myer, who played with West Bromwich Albion.

Myer was expected to arrive last week, but instead Albion received a message saying: "Not travelling".

The club has assumed Myer will not come to Australia. Green Gully Ajax has imported a defender from Scotland to help its push away from the bottom third of the Victorian State League.

Jamie O'Donnell, who has played for Kilmory Rangers in Scotland, and previously played for Cleveland Cobras in the American Soccer League.

O'Donnell had his first game for Ajax last Sunday morning when Green Gully played a practice match against Footscray JUST, which won 3-2.

Cole leads invasion

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Joe Tront didn't feature much in the play for Victoria, and only a few times did he show his attacking ability.

At half time McKendry instructed his midfield men to tighten up on their marking. This they did, and the skilful Pavkovic faded badly after the interval.

The Vic. midfield moved, but as soon as Partizan retook the ball over the half way line, the Belgrade players were quickly closed down.

This forced Partizan to play long balls in the second half after a first half in which they interchanged passes in attack.

For the first 25 minutes of the second half Victoria dominated and should have scored goals which would have sealed the game.

Signs of panic showed in the Partizan team. Early in the first half Zalad had to dive at the feet of Paton after a poor back-pass by Boris Djurovic. Zalad went down for the second time in the game, and referee Chris Bambridge rightly thought the goalkeeper was feigning injury.

Bambridge promptly booked Zalad for wasting time, which unsettled Belgrade.

Paton came close to scoring in the 56th minute when Cole flicked the ball to him. Paton wiggled past Djurovic on the edge of the box. He turned with the goalkeeper to beat, but Zalad was out to close him down and deflect the shot.

Partizan answered this pressure with a powerful shot by Sencrac which was brilliantly saved by Banovic. But the ball rebounded to Bjordjevic who flicked it into the path of Klincarski, whose cross was cleared.

Victoria was in control and good play by Cole gave Paton the best chance of the game. A diagonal pass found him unmarked in the penalty area, but his first-time shot went over the bar.

Victoria tested the vulnerable Partizan defence. Partizan was rewarded in the 84th minute when Picioane scored. Once again it was Cole, who took a pass from Rooney, who hit a diagonal ball into the goal area. Picioane raced up on the far post to force the ball home.

After setting up the winning goal, Cole almost set up Partizan's equaliser a few minutes later. Victoria was playing for time and Cole decided to pass back to Banovic from too far out.

Substitute Zvonko Varga read the play well and rushed to intercept the ball. Banovic struggled to grasp the ball but Varga centred with the goal open but the pass was mis-directed and Victoria was left off the hook.

Victoria deserved to win the game but in all fairness, Partizan was not too impressed. Perhaps the long fight (Partizan arrived on Saturday morning before the Sunday game) took its toll.

Whatever the record books will show the victory as Victoria's first over a First Division touring team.

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NEW LEAGUE A BOOST TO UTD'S RECRUITING

By JACK MATHEWS

Newcastle KB United will soon have the biggest soccer recruiting ground in Australia.

This will be because of the club's close co-operation and productive relationship with the Northern NSW Soccer Federation, which controls football at district and club level in the area north of Sydney. That is a vast and virtually untapped Soccer space, but this sorry state of affairs is soon to be changed.

The Northern NSW Federation will, next season, form a Soccer League in which teams hundreds of miles apart will play.

The Northern NSW Federation's allotted district - granted at the formation of the NSW Soccer Federation in the big break-away in 1957 - begins at the Hawkesbury River, some 50 miles from Sydney, and ends at the Queensland border.

It takes in all points West and covers thousands of miles given scant attention by soccer authorities.

Now the thriving Northern NSW Federation intends to right what has for so long been a grievous wrong.

It has studied the position at great length, conducted feasibility studies and reached the conclusion that Northern NSW, as apart from Newcastle and the South Maitland coalfields, is crying out loud and clear for Soccer and is ripe for properly organised competition.

To test the feeling and the sincerity of officials of clubs in the more important centres, from geographical and financial considerations, plus ground facilities and a proven following, the Northern Federation called for nominations to its proposed State League.

The response was overwhelming!

Not only have top Newcastle and coalfields' clubs sought acceptance, but clubs from the bigger North Coast areas and the New England districts are also clamouring for entry. Clubs with the proper credentials and based at Tamworth, Armidale, the Twin Towns (Tweed Heads-Coolangubra) on the fringe of the Gold Coast, Grafton and Coff's Harbour are after election while other Soccer-minded centres at Gunnedah and Glen Innes will, before the closing of nominations, make applications.

To the South of Newcastle, the strong Central Coast Club, which is said to have almost unlimited finance, is poised to become an important cog in the ambitious scheme.

In Newcastle, strong clubs backed not only by rich soccer history but, in most instances, by strong social licenced clubs from Adamstown, West, Lake Macquarie, Wallsend and Edgeworth plan to gain entry.

The problem facing the Northern Federation will not be to form a new State League but to ensure that it does not become too big and too unwieldy. The present proposal is to begin the competition with 10 clubs and to increase the number as the years advance and once the new League is consolidated.

Each of the clubs with aspirations and ambitions has to meet exceedingly high standards and requirements - not the least of which is satisfactory coaching arrangements - not only for senior sides but for the wealth of junior talent in the areas. And all clubs which have submitted nominations have lodged such guarantees.

It is surprising, and gratifying, that all of the clubs seeking places have already formed committees which include men of high standing in the business life of each centre, but not necessarily closely associated with Soccer.

The master plan has, in some ways, been based on the State-wide competition started this year by the Queensland Soccer Federation. It has been so successful that already clubs on the Sunshine Coast, to the North of Brisbane, and as far away from the capital as Maryborough and Mackay and in the far West at Mount Isa, have opened negotiations to be admitted next season.

Mr Alan Vessey, the Queensland Federation, Secretary, whose Soccer experience and knowledge is considerable, said this week that teams from country centres are already matching the strength of the top Brisbane teams.

There is little doubt that teams in the Northern Federation League will seek, and achieve, similar prominence for clubs are approaching the task ahead with an already professional cut-throat. Their first object is to seek, and put under contract, players of quality, not only in Australia but overseas, and to find and

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engage properly qualified coaches with a record of success either in Australia or elsewhere. Expense will not be a handicap.

And where does Newcastle KB United come into this scheme of things?

For starters, its highly successful manager-coach, Alan Vest, who first came to Newcastle as the Northern NSW Federation's Director of Coaching will be chief advisor. He will, it is planned, visit all the new Soccer centres in the North and will co-ordinate coaching methods. Obviously, he will see many players but, even of greater importance, he will watch the great number of juniors.

While the formation of the new League will be an important step in the advancement of the code in the huge area of the North of NSW, the long-term advantage will be in the promotion of junior football.

Clubs seeking entry to the competition have satisfied the Northern Federation that they have strength and depth in their junior grades.

That represents a huge nursery for the progressive Newcastle KB United Club which will send its scouts far afield in never ceasing search for talent - preferably young.

It is, of course, to its advantage to do so and therewith of the future seem limitless. It may be that it, before too many seasons pass, will help Australia's coach, Rudi Gutendorf, achieve what he says is a cherished ambition - to produce a team of Australian-born players to match matters with the rest of the Soccer world.



A merry mix-up during a recent match between Newcastle KB United and St George at the Newcastle International Sports Centre. Malcolm McLelland (No 19) and Michael Fraser (St George) have each other tied in knots and Brendan Grosse (At George) anxiously follows the flight of the ball while his teammate, Doug Utjesenovic raises hands in gratification at a lucky escape.



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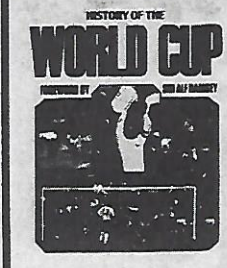
The odds and ends

The marketing of soccer paraphernalia is big business for Newcastle KB Utd, and many stores in the city have had impressive window displays. The picture above shows the front window of "The Store" discount house, which had on show items from pictures of players to Newcastle club flags.

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Illawarra district standings as of June 10:

W	L	D	F	A	P
Belconni	9	3	2	28	18
Undera	9	7	1	28	15
Balgownie	5	5	3	21	13
Dapto A	5	5	3	20	13
Olympic	9	3	2	8	12
Fernhill	9	3	0	13	20
Berkley	9	3	0	6	21
Dapto B	9	2	1	12	22
Balgownie B	9	1	2	6	21
Shellharbour	9	2	0	7	23

W	L	D	F	A	P
Balgownie	9	6	1	26	8
Warrila	9	5	2	22	12
Gallah	9	4	1	16	9
Woomera	9	3	3	12	12
Warrila	9	3	3	12	14
Undera	9	3	2	12	20
Adrian Park	9	2	3	4	17
Berkley	9	1	1	19	7
Figtree	9	0	3	6	22

W	L	D	F	A	P
Balgownie	9	7	1	22	5
Shellharbour	9	6	2	15	16
Warrila	9	6	2	15	16
Gallah	9	5	0	4	27
Woomera	9	4	1	4	27
Dapto	9	3	2	12	20
Oak Flats	9	3	3	3	21
Figtree	9	4	0	5	21
Bali	9	1	0	8	20

W	L	D	F	A	P
Shellharbour	9	8	0	8	30
Bali	9	6	2	1	23
Central	9	6	1	2	28
Koonawarra	9	5	1	3	18
Dapto	9	4	2	1	28
Figtree	9	4	1	4	23
Dapto	9	3	1	5	21
Olympic	9	3	1	5	21
Undera	9	2	0	7	12

W	L	D	F	A	P
Balgownie	10	8	0	1	30
Shellharbour	10	8	0	1	30
Dapto	10	7	1	2	31
Central	10	8	1	3	28
Undera	10	8	1	3	28
Central	10	5	0	5	11
Russell Vale	10	3	0	7	33
Woomera	10	3	0	7	37

W	L	D	F	A	P
Balgownie	10	8	0	4	36
Shellharbour	10	8	0	4	36
Dapto	10	8	0	4	36
Central	10	8	0	4	36
Undera	10	8	0	4	36
Oak Flats	10	8	0	4	36
Shellharbour	10	8	0	4	36
Helenburgh	10	8	0	4	36

W	L	D	F	A	P
EPT	10	7	2	1	11
Warrila	10	6	2	4	18
Bali	10	6	3	1	20
Figtree	10	7	1	2	16
Balgownie	10	7	1	2	16
Dak Flats	10	7	1	2	16
Berkley	10	7	1	2	16

W	L	D	F	A	P
Kiama	9	8	0	1	22
Figtree	9	7	1	1	26
Woomera	9	6	1	2	22
Lakemans	9	4	2	2	14
Helenburgh	9	2	4	3	12
Oak Flats	9	2	3	4	12
Colaba	9	3	1	5	10
Undera	9	3	1	5	10
Thornhill	9	1	2	6	10
Koonawarra	9	0	2	7	24

W	L	D	F	A	P
Dapto A	9	7	1	20	34
Koonawarra	9	7	1	1	29
Shellharbour	9	6	1	2	24
Thornhill	9	5	1	3	18
Helenburgh	9	5	0	3	17
Fernhill	9	4	2	1	12
Dapto B	9	3	1	5	17
Balgownie	9	1	2	6	17
Figtree	9	1	1	7	8
Central	9	1	1	7	47

W	L	D	F	A	P
Olympic	9	7	1	2	31
Russell Vale	9	7	1	2	31
Tarrawanna	9	6	3	1	22
Thornhill	9	5	2	2	20
Berkley	9	4	2	8	12
Central	9	4	1	4	20
Helenburgh	9	3	1	5	13
Undera	9	3	1	5	13
EPT	9	1	1	7	26

W	L	D	F	A	P
Woomera	9	6	1	2	30
Helenburgh	9	6	1	2	30
Balgownie	9	6	1	2	30
EPT	9	5	3	1	15
Tarrawanna	9	3	2	4	14
Shellharbour	9	3	1	5	11
Central	9	2	2	5	12
Fernhill	9	2	2	5	12

W	L	D	F	A	P
Bali	9	8	0	1	35
Berkley	9	8	0	1	35
Adrian Park	9	6	1	2	25
Figtree	9	6	1	2	25
Dapto	9	6	1	2	25

JUNIOR STANDINGS

W	L	D	F	A	P
Warrila	9	5	4	1	12
Bali	9	2	0	7	42
Lakemans	9	2	0	7	42
Central B	9	1	0	6	51

W	L	D	F	A	P
Undera	10	10	0	25	3
Balgownie	10	8	2	21	16
Berkley	10	7	1	25	10
Warrila	10	7	1	19	15
Dapto	10	5	0	6	21
Shellharbour	10	5	0	6	31

W	L	D	F	A	P
Undera	10	10	0	26	4
Thornhill	10	7	0	22	13
Dapto	10	6	1	3	16
Tarrawanna	10	6	1	3	16
Central	10	6	1	3	12
Helenburgh	10	6	1	3	12

W	L	D	F	A	P
Central	10	3	0	7	4
Warrila	10	3	0	7	4
Adrian Park	10	3	0	7	4
Figtree	10	3	0	7	4
Central	10	3	0	7	4
Warrila	10	3	0	7	4

W	L	D	F	A	P
Warrila	9	7	1	1	36
Dak Flats	9	6	2	1	31
Central	9	6	1	2	26
Woomera	9	6	1	2	26
Woomera	9	6	1	2	26
Undera	9	4	2	16	11

W	L	D	F	A	P
Adrian Park	9	4	5	15	8
Kiama	9	1	0	8	24
Figtree	9	1	0	8	24
Central	9	1	0	8	24
Warrila	9	1	0	8	24
Balgownie	9	1	0	8	24

W	L	D	F	A	P
Undera	9	9	0	1	30
EPT	9	8	1	1	32
Helenburgh	9	8	0	1	32
Koonawarra	9	8	0	1	32
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W	L	D	F	A	P
Undera	9	9	0	1	30
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Undera	9	9	0	1	30
EPT	9	8	1	1	32
Helenburgh	9	8	0	1	32
Koonawarra	9	8	0	1	32
Woomera	9	8	0	1	32
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Undera	9	9	0	1	30
EPT	9	8	1	1	32
Helenburgh	9	8	0	1	32
Koonawarra	9	8	0	1	32
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Woomera	9	8	0	1	32
Woomera	9	8	0	1	32

Victoria

Latrobe Valley

Standings as of June 16:

W	L	D	F	A	P
Fortuna	7	7	0	0	14
Pagosa	8	4	1	3	9
Warragul	6	2	3	7	7
Sale Swans	7	2	2	3	6

GROUP 1/UNDER 8

W	L	D	F	A	P
Fortuna	7	7	0	0	14
Pagosa	8	4	1	3	9
Warragul	6	2	3	7	7
Sale Swans	7	2	2	3	6

GROUP 2/UNDER 8

W	L	D	F	A	P
Fortuna	7	7	0	0	14
Pagosa	8	4	1	3	9
Warragul	6	2	3	7	7
Sale Swans	7	2	2	3	6

GROUP 3/UNDER 8

W	L	D	F	A	P
Fortuna	7	7	0	0	14
Pagosa	8	4	1	3	9
Warragul	6	2	3	7	7
Sale Swans	7	2	2	3	6

GROUP 4/UNDER 8

W	L	D	F	A	P
Fortuna	7	7	0	0	14
Pagosa	8	4	1	3	9
Warragul	6	2	3	7	7
Sale Swans	7	2	2	3	6

GROUP 5/UNDER 8

W	L	D	F	A	P
Fortuna	7	7	0	0	14
Pagosa	8	4	1	3	9
Warragul	6	2	3	7	7
Sale Swans	7	2	2	3	6

GROUP 6/UNDER 8

APIA hires crew to film its matches

A.P.I.A. Leichhardt, so far the surprise packet of the Phillips League '79 competition have decided to film its every matches. It has already acquired the services of professional cameramen and technicians.

The matches will be filmed in their entirety and will be shown at the club as well as for some limited use in helping the team in eliminating its problems on the field.

It is the first such move by a club affiliated with the Phillips League, and A.P.I.A. must be congratulated on the innovation.

Recently a deputation of soccer officials saw the Prime Minister with demands for more coverage by the T.V. media. This effort by A.P.I.A. must give an added argument along the same lines: "If one Phillips League club can do it, why can't we persuade a T.V. station to do it?"

The film coverage of away games is not to be for exclusive use by A.P.I.A. alone and any team interested in borrowing the same film could contact the A.P.I.A. club to hire the film for a small fee. — ALEX VESIC

KEEGAN BEST: CALLAGHAN

Dunlop Footwear, the company which entered soccer sponsorship last September after an agreement with the Australian Soccer Federation to sponsor the Phillips Soccer League referees and lineamen, officially welcomed Ian Callaghan last week.

Still a legend in England and particularly in Liverpool, Callaghan recently came to Australia to play for Canberra City, but not before Dunlop Footwear decided to lend a hand in sponsoring the famous player.

Dunlop was "pleased and indeed fortunate" according to its marketing manager Terry Seay to sponsor such a talented and gifted player.

Callaghan is not alone in promotion of Dunlop Footwear. We have a host of top Phillips League players contracted to wear and promote Dunlop footwear.

Among them are Ken Boden, Doug Utesenovic, John Kosmina, Terry Byrne, Steve O'Connor, Jim Kondarinos, Joe Palinkas, John O'Shea, Danny Moulis and Ian Bruce.

To show its new changes in the plant at Bankstown and to introduce Callaghan, Dunlop Footwear held a luncheon for the Press at its factory in Chapel Road, Bankstown.

The Press was given a rare opportunity to question the great Liverpool and English star and believe me, Callaghan was given no time to relax.

With a smile that seldom left his face Callaghan was quick to answer to one and all and make us aware of his on and off the field personal qualities which have made him not only one of the most liked players in Liverpool but all over the British Isles.

"I arrived at Anfield at the time Bill Shankly was made the manager of Liverpool," remembered Callaghan. "It was the beginning of the road for me. After a few games in the second team Shankly brought me into the first team and there I stayed for so many years — very, very happy years."

The best 11 you played in at Liverpool?

"It is very hard for me to say, but I played for two soccer generations at Anfield. In the first lot I was much younger and played alongside Ian St John, Hunt and Thomson in the forward line, while the latter team used me in the midfield. I couldn't tell you which side would be better for I enjoyed playing in both."

The best player you played with at Anfield?

"Kevin Keegan."

How long will you carry on playing?

"I am going to give it up. But I still enjoy playing and feel that I could play for another season or two."

Will you play till the end of the season with Canberra City?

"I am not contracted to anyone, so I see no reason to return to England at an earlier date. I have a small business, an insurance brokers' firm, but my partner is doing fairly well on his own at the moment, so I can stay and enjoy my game. My family is quite happy, which adds to our present mood to stay for as long as possible."

What do you think of the game in Australia?

"It is a fraction slower than in England which gives me that extra inch in which to turn or pass, but it is far more skilful than I had expected."

SCORES AND TABLES

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE									
Western Suburbs	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
reserves 2-5	Springvale City	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1-4	Melbourne v. Adelaide	0-1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2
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Best's wife quits: 'birds and booze'



George Best

FORT LAUDERDALE, US — George Best's wife Angela has walked out on him, heart-broken over his birds-and-booze lifestyle.

Angela returned to her old job as personal secretary to the singing star Cher while Best went missing with the sulks.

Best missed a practice game and at least a week's training with his NASL club, the Fort Lauderdale Strikers.

The Strikers fined Best \$100 for missing the first training session, \$100 for missing the practice match and \$50 for every other training session he failed to attend.

About Best's marriage bust-up, Strikers spokesman Andy Furman said: "George keeps running around with different beautiful girls and that, combined with his all-night drinking sessions, broke Angela's heart."

"I really think she still loves him."

Best, the former Manchester United and Northern Ireland star, transferred to the Strikers recently from the Los Angeles Aztecs.

ZIKA NIKOLIC



"CRNO-BELI" MOGU BOLJE

Partizan je izgubio prvu utakmicu na kratkoj turneji po Australiji. Poraz nije neočekivan, jer us "crno-beli" imali malo vremena da se aklimatiziraju u novoj sredini. Pored toga, na konferenciji za štampu rekli su da imaju najmlađu i najmanje iskusnu ekipu u jugoslovenskoj prvoj ligi. To ne znači da nisu posli sa namerom da pobjeduju i to ce obećanje ostvariti verovatno na idućim utakmicama, kada se prilagode našem podneblju, načinu igre i sudjenju.

Ipak nije nam asno zasto nisu igrali standardni bekovi Partizana, vec Kovacevic i Trifunovic, kojima nikako nije odgovarala nova uloga. Sto je vise vreme odmicalo to se vise videlo da je uza odbrana najslabiji deo tima. Sto nije bilo vise golova, treba zahvaliti odlucnom golmanu Zaladu, koji je nekoliko puta reskuro da se povredi, samo da bi sacuvao svoju mrezu i ugled kluba.

Slobodan Santrac je potvrdio svoju klasu iako nije postigao gol, jer je bio dobro cuvan. Da je bio odmoriji verovatno cuvari ne bi mogli da ga sprece da se upise u strelce.

Bez obzira na prvi rezultat, Partizanovog turneja obecava da ce biti bericetna, jer je poseta na Olympic Parku bila dovoljna da pokrije osnovne troskove celog gostovanja. Adelaide i Sydney obecavaju jos vece posete, jer us "crno-beli" ugledan klub sa velikim brojem navjagaca u Australiji.

"PLAVI" IGRALI TRENING UTAKMICU
U nedelju pre podne J.U.S.T. je odigrao trening utakmicu protiv Green Gully Ajaxa, koji trenira Bily Vojtek. "Plavi" su pobjedili sa 3:2, ali rezultat nije vazan jer su igrači dobili odlican trening. Trener Boby McLachlan je isprobao sve igrače, kao i Igor Hazabec u nastupu. Prebolio je povredu, koju je zadobio na treningu pre tri nedelje. Po onome sto je pokazao, sigurno je da ce zauzeti svoje staro mesto vec iduce nedelje protiv Olympica iz Sydneya na Olympic Parku u Melburnu.

KEILOR CITY IGRAO NERESENO
Prošle subote je Keilor City kao gost podolio bodove sa Springvale City-em. Posle tri uzastopna poraza ovaj rezultat je doneo olaksanje, jer su igrači izgubili samopouzdanje i borbenost. Sve su to povratili prošle subote i moze se ocekivati da ubudece Presliksi sa svojim

morcima postize dobre igre i rezultate kao na pocetku sezone. Sastav Keilor City-a: Dimopolis, Trajkovski, Derisovski, Naumovski, Serovski, Presliksi, Scorsi, Dimovski (Veljanovski od 55. minuta), Kotevski, Jovanovski, Sojevski (van Leeuwen od 75. minuta). Strelac: George Scorsi u 55. minuti.

South Melbourne Hellas je ubjedivo pobedio drugi tim JUST-a sa 3:0 (2:0). "Plavi" su poceli dobro, ali su kasnije igrali komplikovano i nervozno. Najbolji igrači: Ljube Talevski, Jan Tilovski i Milutin Ciric.

PROVIZIONALNA LIGA
INTER - Rosebud 0:0 u Williamstownu. "Beli" su opet nastupili bez polovine standardnih igrača, ali se nisu obrukali. Rezervni igrači su igrali vrlo dobro i borili se do zadnjeg daha. Sa malo vise sportske sreće mogli su izvući oba boda. Sastav: Marko Ivanovic, Dragan Belurov, Franjo Drozdek, Janko Dovic, Mirko Beker, Toma Milosavljevic, Zvonko Macanovic, Stevan Belurov, Dragan Saric, Ante Cetnic, Zvonko Bartol. Bolji od ostalih Zvonko Macanovic i Mirko Beker.

INDUSTRIJSKA LIGA
TARAX - DIECRAFT 4:1 (1:1). Jugo-derbi industrijske lige zavrsio se pobedom iskusnijeg tima. Igra je bila ravnopravna i zabudljiva, ali je Tarax bio bolji u završnici. Sastav Taraxa: S. Kazi, Zoraja (Davis od 46. minuta), Pena, A. Kazi, Milinov, Mayano, Zivkovic, Kresinger, Pantic, Hadziabdic, Bickici. Sastav Diecrafta: Karlovic, Alulaha, Gusevski, Kalapas, Fraser, Mukavec, Kosovac, Sobras, Mutic, Velickovic, Milenkovic. Strelci: Ibro Hadziabdic 3 i Dante Mayano za Tarax. Stevan Kosovac za Diecraft. Najbolji igrači: Ibro Hadziabdic, Sander i Andrew Kazi i Jovica Milinov za Tarax. Miladn Mutic, Milan Velickovic, Stevan Kosovac i V. Milenkovic. Posle utakmice Tarax je bogato pocastio goste, a ovi su obecali da ce uzvratiti istom merom i rezultatom.

JUNIORSKI REZULTATI
Ispod 12: West Newport - Footscray/JUST 3:2. Strelci: Goran Simic i Janos Volf za JUST. Dastav Darko Bobos, Zoran Doslov, Sasa Perduv, Peter Costadinos, Tony Beirovski, Aco Dulevski, Sinisa Perduv, Goran Simic, Goran Nedelkovski, Janos Volf, Steven Brkic.

Ispod 15: Nunawading "A" - Footscray/JUST 3:0 (1:0).



MONEY MAGIC

with Michael Morley

Everybody appears to be getting cost conscious, so this week I'm putting the accent on economy by recommending a planned entry for the modest outlay of \$1.50.

This will allow you to cover 16 matches and involves three entries of system 11. Details for making the entry will be given at the end of the article.

The form for the Australian soccer matches is probably at its peak — so now is the time to get stuck in and study the ladders.

Try to eliminate some of the likely looking home winners before making your score draw selections. This will give you a smaller list to work from and should make the task easier.

There are eight games this Saturday in which I wouldn't give much chance to the away teams. These are the matches at Fitzroy, Park Rangers, Frankston Pines, Azurri, Boro, Port Adelaide, Wyndham and Newmarket.

I'm not in the habit of sticking my neck out but in these eight games and in score draws I've promised my wife a piggy-back ride from the Melbourne Town Hall to Ayres Rock.

If my article doesn't appear next week, you may assume that there are communication problems between Alice Springs and Melbourne.

While I wouldn't recommend using these eight games in any one entry I'm not suggesting that you discard all of them. As I've mentioned before it's the odd surprise that helps to make record dividends. This is particularly so when score draws are scarce.

Picking the away winners is a little more difficult, so a careful study of the ladders is essential for good forecasting.

In West Australia Division Three Bassendean looks good enough to collect both points in its visit to Swan Athletic, and in the same ladder Subiaco may be too strong for University.

Out of all the Western Australian matches there are only two games that appeal as score draws.

These are the games in the State League at Perth and Kingsway.

The only other game in the West that looks going close is between Perth City and Canning in Division Three. Both of these teams score few goals and it looks the sort of match that could easily end in a scoreless draw.

The only game in the Queensland divisions that has the "score draw" appeal is the one between North Brisbane and Merton. It seems to me that this week the best hunting ground for the score draws could be in the Victorian and South Australian leagues.

My 16 form draw forecasts with the match numbers and home teams are: 3 Maribyrnong, 4 Bell Park, 8 Knox City, 9 Richmond, 10 Chelsea, 18 Corio, 18 Keysborough, 22 Athenia, 24 Kingsway, 38 Lion, 39 Para Hills, 40 Polonia, 42 Salisbury, 44 Westfields, 47 South Adelaide, 49 North Brisbane.

Getting back to the planned entry — if you would like to try this bet I have left a blank line in the diagram for your selections.

Choose your 16 matches and then, reading from left to right, put your best selection in the first space of the diagram.

It doesn't matter in what order you place your selections on the blank line, use the corresponding X's as set out in the diagram as you transfer your numbers on to the entry form.

With eight score draws in any one of the three system entries a first dividend would be assured.

If your best selection is a score draw and there are a further eight score draws falling anywhere among your other 15 selections, then you would have at least seven score draws in one of your entries.

In case you're wondering how I could possibly reach Alice Springs within a week — I'll be on a trailer — you haven't seen the size of my wife.

Until next week, good luck and good punting.

16 MATCH PLAN															
16	3	4	8	9	10	18	22	24	38	39	40	42	44	47	49
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X						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

SELECTIONS

Crosses denote draws

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ANDER	DANDENONG	1/2													
BOX HILL	MELBOURNE	2													
MARIBYRNONG	RINGWOOD C.	3													
BELL PARK	WATERLOO	4													
DONCASTER	S. MELBOURNE	5													
FITZROY	ST. ALBANS	6													
FOOTSCRAY	FERNFIRE	7													
KNOX CITY	PT. MELBOURNE	8													
RICHMOND	KEILOR	9													
CHESEA	YALLOURN	10													
FAWKNER	CORRING	11													
HEIDELBERG	BRIGHTON	12													
MOOROOLBARK	PAHRAN	13													
MORVELL	BROADMOWS	14													
PK RANGERS	ELTHAM	15													
CORIO	WERRIBEE	16													
FRANKSTON	CLAYTON	17													
KEYSBORO	ESSENBURG	18													
MONASH	CAULFIELD C.	19													
MOORABBIN	MORNINGTON	20													
RINGWOOD U.	SANDRINGHAM	21													
ATHENA	FRIMANTLE	22													
FORRESTLED	GOONELL'S	23													
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Rangers on move Pat to stay?

Victorian Third Division club Park Rangers will complete a five-year plan when it moves from Middle Park, where it has been since its formation in 1945 to Stradbroke Park, Kew, at the end of season 1979.

There, the two senior teams will join up with its three junior teams so enabling the club to grow in strength with the backing of Kew Council.

Wings on end this season, with a goal tally of 114 for, and 28 against.

"Shug" Murney, some say the best coach in Victoria, is knocking back top offers and is already looking forward to coaching Kew Park Rangers in the Second Division next year.

Croydon City (Vic.) hope disgruntled midfielder Pat Lowrey will resume playing if he fails to find a new club.

Lowrey was put on the transfer list after a rift with coach Norm Hobson, but it's unlikely he will find a new club in time. However, Green Gully has shown interest.

Croydon played \$3,000 for Lowrey, who played with Sunderland in England before joining Mooroolbark Utd. in the Philips League. He transferred to

Philips League Club Directory

ADELAIDE CITY

G.P.O. BOX 1262L, ADELAIDE, 5001 (08) 332 5614

SECRETARY G. Ursini (08) 31 0778

COACH R. Rasic

GROUND Olympic Sports Field, Kensington
(08) 31 1844.

COLOURS Black & White.



This week's match: v **BRISBANE CITY** at
Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 2.30 pm.

BRISBANE LIONS

15 DELPHINUS ST., INALA, QLD. 4077

SECRETARY: S. Boegheim (07) 372 2891

COACH: M. Carson

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd.,
Mayne. (07) 52 5328.

COLOURS: All Orange with Blue Stripes.

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BRISBANE CITY

P. O. Box 265 Broadway, Brisbane 4001

Club phone: 356 8834

SECRETARY: G. Canale bus (07) 52 4711.

COACH: N. Saftich.

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne.

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This week's match: v **ADELAIDE CITY** at
Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 2.30 pm.

CANBERRA CITY

P.O. Box 910, Canberra City 2600

SECRETARY: Max Talbot (W) 48 8917 (A.H.) 88 5078.

COACH: V. Fernandez

GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce

SPONSOR:

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HEIDELBERG UNITED

P.O. BOX 8, COLLINGWOOD, 3066

SECRETARY: A. Loustas 419 2588.

COACH: M. Poulakakis

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St., Melb.
(03) 42 0642.

COLOURS: Black & Gold.

* GIRLS WHO WISH TO TAKE PART IN MISS ALEXANDER QUEST SHOULD CON-
TACT THE SECRETARY.



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this week.

FOOTSCRAY

P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182

SECRETARY: H. Iser bus (03) 391 3231

COACH: B. McLachlan

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St, Melb (03) 42 0642

COLOURS: Blue White Red.

SPONSOR:



This week's match: v **SYDNEY OLYMPIC** at
Olympic Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED

4 NORTHWOOD ST., ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, N.S.W., 2289

SECRETARY: P. Trisley, Bus. (049) 24930 (049) 26 2433

COACH: A. Vest

GROUND: International Sports Centre, Turton Rd.,
New Lambton. Ph (049) 52 1224

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This week's match: v **SOUTH MELBOURNE** at
Middle Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.

MARCONI

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W. 2176

SECRETARY: L. Sartoretto (02) 604 5222.

COACH: L. Scheinflug.

GROUND: Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd.,
Bossley Park.



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this week

SOUTH MELBOURNE

P.O. BOX 64, ST. KILDA WEST, VIC., 3182

GENERAL SECRETARY: J. Karvess, Tel 534 5462

COACH: D. McKay

GROUND: Middle Park, Aughtie Drive, Middle Park

COLOURS: Blue & White

Girls who wish to enter Miss South Melbourne quest please contact
N. Sagiakos 528 6196 (A.H.) P. Pallas 232 4577 (Bus), 233 2514 (A.H.).



This week's match: v **NEWCASTLE UNITED** at
Middle Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.

ST. GEORGE

84 VICTORIA AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.

GENERAL MANAGER: L. Bordacs (02) 269 2745.

COACH: R. Blanco

GROUND: St George Stadium, Rockdale

COLOURS: White, Red & Green.



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this week

WEST ADELAIDE

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001

SECRETARY: D. A. Carapetis, Bus. (08) 227 4311.

COACH: T. Forde.

GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St., Hindmarsh.



This week's match: v **A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT** at
Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 3 pm.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

BOX A181 SYDNEY SOUTH, N.S.W., 2000

SECRETARY: N Smilas (Bus) (02) 72 0661.

COACH: J. Marston.

GROUND: Pratton Park, Ashfield.

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This week's match: v **FOOTSCRAY** at
Olympic Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm

A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT

38-42 FRAZER ST., LEICHHARDT 4040.

SECRETARY: H. Ambrose (02) 516 1688

COACH: R. Richards

GROUND: Wentworth Park, Glebe.
Phone (02) 660 7431.

COLOURS: Burgundy & Sky Blue.



This week's match: v **WEST ADELAIDE** at
Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 3 pm.

SYDNEY CITY

61 HALL ST., BONDI, NSW.

SECRETARY: H. K. Lakmaker (02) 30 3344
(Mornings).

663 4576 (Afternoons).

COACH: G. Chaldi.

GROUND: Wentworth Park Glebe, NSW
Phone (02) 660 7431.

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